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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAPD: WORLD CLASS, NOW AND ALWAYS

by Mitzi Grasso

In my mind, the LAPD is the best police department in the nation, if not the whole world. That is why I have spent my entire career here - 16 years proudly wearing the badge of an LAPD officer. No one can deny that we've hit a few bumps in the road along the way. Despite the problems of weak leadership, the unfortunate actions of a few fellow officers, and program cutbacks and reassignments due to the drop in the number of sworn personnel, LAPD remains the home of more than 8,000 of the most talented police officers anywhere. I believe the many challenges we have faced in recent years have made us stronger and more united than ever before.

We are now poised to start making the very significant and long-overdue reforms that the department needs and the general public demands. We look forward to working closely with the Mayor and the next Chief to ensure that sensible, intelligent reforms of the LAPD will now become reality.

As the Police Commission said in its statement announcing its decision to deny Chief Parks' bid for reappointment, the LAPD is currently in a crisis. Serious steps need to be taken immediately to improve recruitment and retention efforts so that we may begin to erase

the 1,200 officer deficit that now exists. Additional reforms focused on the disciplinary system, the implementation of the Consent Decree, specialized units and community policing will put us back on the right track to improving officer morale and restoring safety to the streets of Los Angeles.

Even though our police department is in crisis, it is still tops. LAPD's in-service training programs are a model for police departments everywhere. Every year hundreds of officers from departments around the nation and the world visit us to learn how we do all manner of things - from our cutting edge street tactics to the function of our specialized units, such as SWAT, Air Support or K-9. It is the dedication and service that these officers give to the residents of Los Angeles that makes LAPD a world-class police force. Whenever and wherever I travel either on business or vacation, local police officers I meet want to know more about LAPD - how we train, how we handle problems and how we deal with some of the toughest urban policing issues anywhere in the world.

I am confident that big changes are in store with the leadership of LAPD in the near future. The Police Commission by an overwhelming 4-1 margin agreed with the League's assessment that new leadership at the top is badly needed. With them, we share a deep respect and admiration for the 37 years of Chief Parks' dedicated service to LAPD, but we also believe it is time for a change. I look forward to working with a new Chief to achieve numerous goals on behalf of our officers and to improve the quality of service

we deliver to the people of Los Angeles. New leadership offers the opportunity for new beginnings, a fresh start on dealing with the breakdown of morale, on restoring community policing and on bringing our department back up to full strength.

Several months ago, the LAPPL established the characteristics that a Chief should have. We need a Police Chief who:

- is an effective leader for reform,
- understands and appreciates community policing,
- realizes that morale is important,
- fights to increase the number of officers within the LAPD when crime is rising,
- will staff from the bottom-up,
- will deploy resources where they are needed,
- and, above all, who is a good listener and is not afraid to admit when he is wrong.

These characteristics are essential for any new Chief to effectively lead our department in protecting the City of Los Angeles.

As potential candidates for Chief begin to consider taking on this extraordinarily difficult job, there are many things to consider. Beyond the immediate concerns of establishing open lines of communication with the Police Commission and Mayor, responding to the concerns of the community and instilling trust in the rank and file, I believe — based on feedback the LAPPL has received — many officers would like the new Chief to take the following thoughts into consideration:

First, listen to your troops. They are your workers, your ambassadors and your supporters. Without them, you can accomplish nothing of importance. They are your best source of information, since they act as your eyes and ears on the street every day. Don't forget that you were once in their shoes, and just because you've added some bars and stars to your uniform doesn't mean that you are above interacting with them. Get out there and talk to your officers so that you can hear their con-

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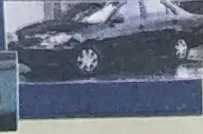
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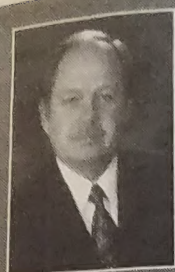
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THE COMMUNITY: ANOTHER IMPORTANT LAPPL PARTNER

BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

With all of the activity during the last several months, it seems as though those of us on the Board have been running full speed ahead, keeping our focus only on the goals that lie ahead and not taking the time to stop, look around and acknowledge the people that have helped us get where we are.

Now that flexible work schedules are being implemented, new leadership is on its way to LAPD and progress is being made on other goals such as the consent decree and the parking issue with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, I have time to pause and reflect—so here goes.

One of the biggest joys of my job the past several months has been working with the community. Late last summer the LAPPL helped a group of LA residents come together in order to meet, exchange ideas and take action on their concerns.

Although some people may find it strange that a group such as the LAPPL—a labor union—would foster the development of a community group, it made perfect sense to both myself and the community members with whom I regularly met. We share many of the same concerns, such as the effects of rising crime on our neighborhoods, the shortage of officers in our city and the conditions under which they work, yet the community did not have a voice

among all of the other groups who typically have their chance to weigh in on these issues.

We were able to help them gain that voice. But this relationship was not one-sided—the LAPPL gained just as much from interacting with these activists as they did from us. We gained allies in the community who are concerned about our police officers and who want to see our department succeed, so that we may provide the best police services possible to the City of Los Angeles.

Without the help of such community activists as Al Ruvalcaba, Monica Harmon, Page Miller, Sandy Munz, Scott Halliburton, Neal Berke, Victoria Torres, Ed Cholakian and many others—all of whom hit the streets to talk to community organizations and churches, held demonstrations and meetings, spoke in front of the Police Commission and wrote letters to the editors of local newspapers and city leaders to get the word out about the need for new leadership at the LAPD—we would not have gotten through so loudly to the Mayor, the Police Commission and other city leaders. Their efforts were tireless and always were focused on one thing: bettering the police department not just for the rank and file, but also for the residents of this city.

Just because we have achieved our universal goal of bringing new leadership to the LAPD does not mean that

our relationship will end. As I said, this relationship is multi-faceted, not one-sided, so it won't end because we have achieved one of our goals. I have learned from the experience of working with these outstanding members of our community the importance of partnering with the community in our endeavors. At the end of the day, although the LAPPL's official duty is to protect and serve the officers of the LAPD, ultimately that help will somehow extend to the community—because what we do for you helps you better serve the people of Los Angeles.

Just as we try to involve our members in all that we do, we also hope to bring the community into many of our activities, such as the work being done by the Eagle and Badge Foundation. We will continue to ensure that their concerns are addressed, just as we strive to address the issues brought forth by our members every day—which brings me back to an additional thank you I would like to give out.

Being a police officer is tough in any

town, on any day—but lately it seems that being an officer with the LAPD is a particularly tough job. Our members, however, are not sitting idly by and letting opportunities for improvement pass. You are standing up and making your voices heard, whether collectively through such actions as the vote of no confidence in January (which had the highest participation rate in the history of all LAPPL voting opportunities) or individually through letters, phone calls and meetings with people making decisions about the future of the LAPD. Your commitment to the department has not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate it and the job you do each day protecting our great city.

I think we should savor this down time in our eternal fight to make the LAPD better, and utilize it to evaluate where we have come from, where we are now and where we want to go. With the help of our friends in the community and your fellow officers, our possibilities are endless—and I thank you for coming along for the ride. ♦

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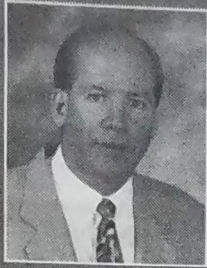
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League Prevails in Arbitration

The League prevailed on an arbitration where the grievant was a Sergeant I, working as the OIC of his unit for more than 56 days. He was working essentially as a Sergeant II out of classification. The League argued that from 57 days forward, the grievant should receive Sergeant II pay. The Department argued that there is no provision to pay the grievant, thus no remedy. The arbitrator disagreed and concurred with the League, awarding the grievant Sergeant II pay from his 57th day.

Class Action Lawsuit on Sergeants' List

In last month's article I mentioned the League had authorized a Class Action Lawsuit regarding the Sergeants' List that expired on January 19, 2002. The issue deals with Bands 14, 15 and 16 that were not promoted when there were over 100 open positions. The League is moving forward with the lawsuit and if you believe you are a party to this lawsuit, please e-mail Attorney Greg Petersen with your information and how you were affected at: greg@lawnet.com.

Nonmembers—Attention!

I have recently sent a letter to all nonmembers regarding the Los Angeles Police Protective League Legal Defense

Plan. Last year, City Charter Section 1070 changed. On February 28, 2002, the City implemented this change. This City Charter change no longer allows you to be entitled to a Defense Representative, if you opt for, or are ordered to, a Board of Rights. In other words, you will be forced to personally incur all costs for representation. This representation, depending upon the circumstances, could cost you as much as \$5,000 to \$25,000, per incident.

If you are a League member, you are protected. Under the Basic or Enhanced Legal Plan, an attorney will automatically be provided for you if you are ordered or opt for a Board of Rights. This also includes assistance if you are a principal officer in an Officer-Involved Shooting, LERI, law-enforcement related death investigation or a pursuit involving a death. These attorney representation benefits are not available to nonmembers. As Legal and Delegate and Membership Chairman, I highly encourage all nonmembers to join or rejoin the League. You can't afford to be without this legal protection.

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Most officers believe that when you're working narcotics, vice, sexually abused child activity (sex crimes) or gangs activity, you are working with really sleazy and dirty people. But what would happen if we didn't actively engage in those areas? What would happen to crime?

The fact is that LAPD has recently disengaged from active and aggressive work in field narcotics enforcement; disengaged from active and aggressive undercover narcotics work, disengaged from active and aggressive anti-gang work, etc.

The results are VERY clear. Violent crime has skyrocketed. Headlines shout out that gangs are "retaking the city."

The moral is this, it is true that working in these areas is dirty and scummy (dirty business), but if we as a police department don't operate with these people and work to control what they do, they will control us.

In police work we have to get involved, to get in and work hard with the principle players no matter what we think of them. If we don't, their activity WILL CONTINUE and we will have NO INFLUENCE over what is going on. Burying our heads in the sand and pretending that we are above common criminals will not make crime go away.

The same is true for politics. Most officers also believe that politics is a sleazy

and dirty business. But what would happen if we didn't actively engage in defending our rights and privileges?

It is interesting to note that **politics** and **police** both come from the same Latin word. That is because they are so closely related.

Failing to be involved only means that you have no control over your future, over what does and what doesn't get passed into law.

Let me give you some examples of bills that we have opposed. We were key players in stopping these. If we would not have actively worked on these, they would have become law.

AB 675 (Villaraigosa) would have made it a "wobbler" for an officer to carry a firearm while having a .08 or greater BAC. (Killed on Assembly Floor)

AB 788 (Firebaugh) would have made police officers personally civilly liable for proven allegations of "racial profiling." (Killed on Assembly Floor)

SB 1261 (Hayden) would have extended the statute of limitations for civil liability for any LAPD officer who worked Rampart Division. (Killed before being heard in Assembly Public Safety)

(NO AUTHOR) LAPPL alone stopped a bill before it ever got an author. The bill would have required every LAPD

officer and everyone living in the officer's household, to disclose all of their financial statements and records without a need to show cause, upon demand of the Department.

Here are some examples of bills that we have supported. We were key players in passing these laws. If we would not have been in Sacramento, actively working on these bills, they would NOT have become law.

SB 492 (Burton) established binding arbitration for peace officers. (Co-sponsored by LAPPL)

SB 2133 (Polanco) requires a warning—in the language of the complainant—to be given to anyone who files a complaint against an officer. Warning states that filing a false complaint can lead to misdemeanor charges being filed against the complainant. (Co-sponsored by LAPPL)

SB 539 (Papan) established a workers' compensation presumption for any officer exposed to carcinogens on the job. Additionally, AB 558 (Baca) established a cancer presumption for disability retirement. (Both bills co-sponsored by LAPPL)

SB 424 (Burton) created a workers' compensation presumption for all peace officers with back injuries who have worn duty belts for five years or more. (Co-sponsored by LAPPL)

AB 3300 Peace Officer Bill of Rights. This bill was passed over 25 years ago. Can you imagine what life would be like on LAPD today without the Peace Officer Bill of Rights?

LAPPL has also been very influential in getting major changes in the state pension (PERS). Without those changes in State law we could have never gotten the better pensions at LAPD.

Some of the things that we are working on this year include:

- Allowing officers to carry firearms in any public venue;
- Preventing management from prohibiting an officer from wearing an American flag lapel pin on the uniform;
- Adding another rank-and-file officer to the POST Commission;
- Establishing educational grants for officers;
- Establish Peace Officers' Homeland Security Act to protect officers homes and families;
- Prohibiting POST from turning your certificate into a license; and,
- Eliminating guard card fees for sworn officers.

In summary, we have supported many bills to improve your salary, benefits, pension and working conditions. We have helped stop many bills that would have made your life intolerable.

The officers of LAPD are under assault by outside forces that want to significantly restrict your ability to do the job. We are constantly fighting them.

No one can expect you to do your job without resources: car, weapons, radio system, records, etc.? Those things take money.

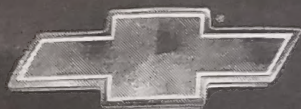
Things are not good at LAPD right now but we are all working to make it better. We can restore the luster to our badge.

When "Prop F" passed about ten years ago, it turned LAPD into a political football. We may not like that fact, but is a reality that we have to deal with.

In order to deal with it, we have to be able to support our candidates financially. We need money to help them. We need resources to make a difference in

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DON LINT

I have been bothered for months with how the League and the Chief ended up in such a brutal, bitter fight. What has become crystal clear is that there were two visions. One vision that the Chief had, another that the rank and file had, and they were conflicting visions. The end result was a Department divided. Could this have been avoided? I believe it could have. I believe that extensive discussion between the Chief and the rank- and-file officers and the League would have prevented the inevitable clash.

There are two important elements to vision. The first is **Innovation**, this is a totally new idea for an organization. The second is **Revision**, improving on something that is already in existence. Normally a new vision occurs when a leader becomes aware of the need for change. Awareness of the need for change could come from positive reasons or in our case, extremely negative experiences.

I wonder if Chief Parks ever says to himself, "I never saw it coming." When the rank-and-file officers first complained about morale was there any concern about his vision maybe needing some revision or maybe innovation? There clearly should have been.

Our Department falls at any given time into three conditions. You can and should apply these to the **Police Protective League**, and your personal lives.

The first is the **Ideal** condition, no change is needed, and everything is running great. Obviously, this is a very rare condition for an organization the size of our Department to be in. The second is, **Acceptable** with room for improvement. This is where minor adjustments or changes need to be made to accomplish the mission of the organization more effectively. The third is where parts of or the entire organization is completely, **Unacceptable**. When the third condition of unacceptable occurs, it is time for significant **Improvements** to be made.

Many people reading this may look at the Rampart Board Of Inquiry and believe that is exactly what Chief Parks did. You would be correct except the problems that came out in that investigation had existed for a very long time and nobody took the time to analyze the Department as to its, **Condition**. The Chief never took the rank-and-file officers seriously when it came to his attention that there was a morale problem.

Chief Parker came into a Department that was in need of, **Innovation**. Chief Parker created a new Department unlike any this country had ever seen before. He had a vision because he took the time to analyze the Department and honestly look at its **Condition**. His assessment was that it was in, **Unacceptable Condition**. His vision was a corrupt-free, well-disciplined Department. He needed

tremendous power and control over this Department. Revision was not the solution for him and as a result, we have the Department that we have today. The innovative changes that were made to the Department dramatically changed the way business was conducted on our Department. With the passage of time, conditions in this city and country have changed significantly yet our Department has remained remarkably similar to Chief Parker's vision of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Over this long period of time, many things have changed but human nature has remained the same. The need to command tremendous power and control over a very out-of-control Department in a society full of corrupt elected officials was a cornerstone of Chief Parker's vision. It was a necessity. In recent years, the need for such power and control has changed. We don't live in the same corrupt society that Chief Parker's vision sprang from, yet the grab for power and control still exists today and the vision seems to be "how do I keep what I have and get even more?" And the answer to that has been "fear and intimidation" both within and outside the Department.

There is tremendous opportunity for whomever the Chief is to make revisions where they are needed and to be innovative in other areas. The Chief of our Department needs to have great vision; they need to identify the opportunities for improvement and innovation. They need to communicate the new vision to everyone that can help make the vision a reality. The vision should be far-reaching and broad in scope. People today are looking for hope and a challenge. We need something larger than our own interests to pursue. We need visions that break the power of apathy and defeatism. The status quo just won't cut it any more. As stated in the Rampart Board of Inquiry Report, "...mediocre..." no citi-

zen in this city should be served by a mediocre officer and no officer on the Department should work for a mediocre supervisor or command staff officer.

Is any of this possible? Absolutely! New vision has been seen by some courageous political leaders who are beginning to govern by principles of integrity, fairness, and concern for the well-being of their people. I am not saying all of them but some. The point is that positive change can happen. Positive change will happen. It only takes a new vision.

I would hope that a new vision for our Department would seek positive expectations. In the past, we have focused on negative expectations when changes were made. A perfect example of this would be our disciplinary system. Chief Parks made changes that increased the number of complaints and officers terminated. We then had a mayor that bragged about the number of officers that had been terminated under Chief Parks. Leaders should be motivated by the realization that positive change produces a less stressful environment, improved trust, greater commitment from followers, and improved performance. What would our disciplinary system look like if the goal were to reduce complaints and terminations? What innovative plans for a discipline system like that might we have seen if our leader had a vision that included everyone?

What has become painfully obvious is that Chief Parks had his vision for the Department and the rank and file had another, conflicting vision. The result of lack of agreement was predictable: division. Two visions in conflict. What was needed was extensive discussion between all the involved parties about what they wanted the Department to look like. This type of dialogue could have changed a Department divided into a Department united.



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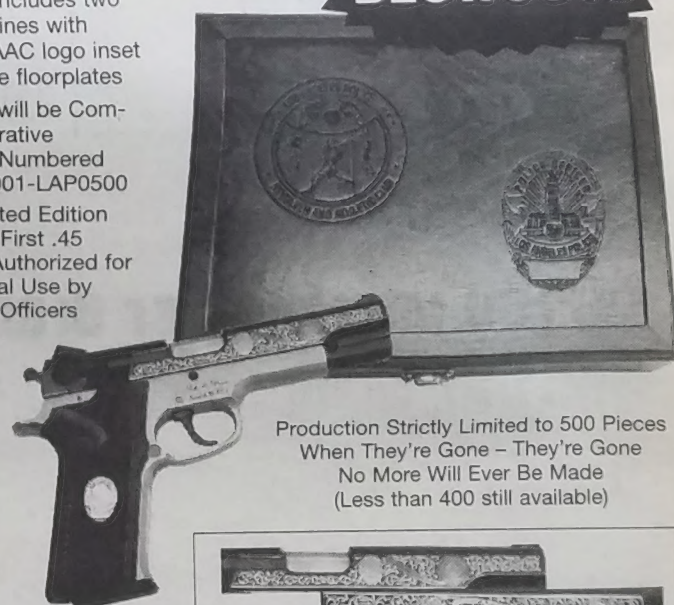
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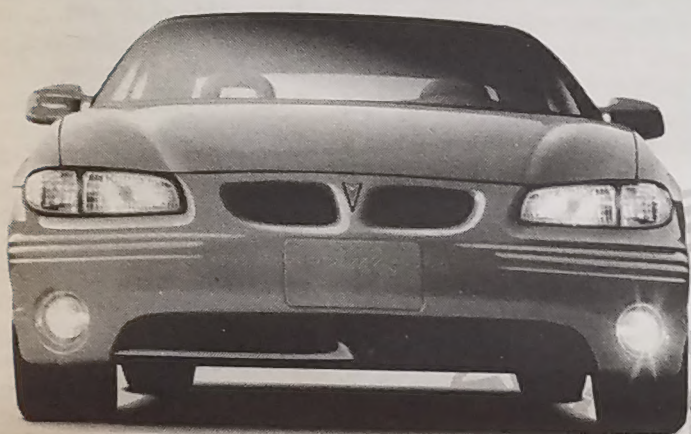
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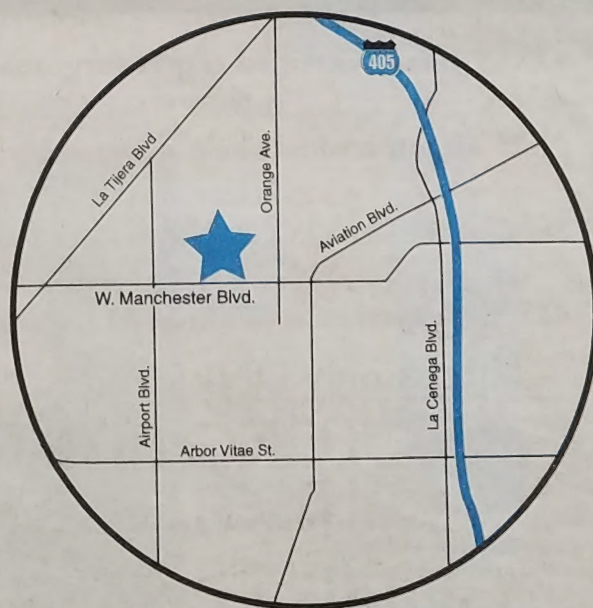
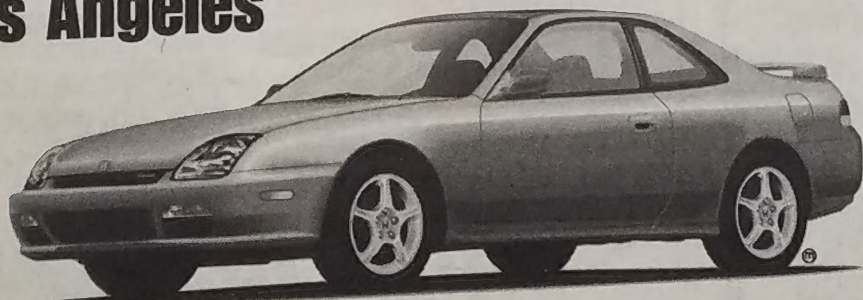
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The retiree pension COLA will be 2.7%. That increase will be posted on the August 2002 pension checks.

DROP enrollment starts May 1, 2002. To be eligible for DROP, an officer must have a minimum of twenty-five years of service in Tiers 2 or 4, or twenty-five years of service and be age 50 in Tiers 3 and 5.

Before anyone can go to the Pension Department and apply for DROP they must first make an appointment with Sgt. Don Kieth in Personnel Division at 213-485-4054. Sgt. Kieth will be able to provide you with the exact details of what your pension amount for DROP will be, based on your exact years of service at the date you select to enter DROP. His computer-generated data will complete the twelve-month averaging for officers on Tiers 3, 4, and 5. Sgt. Kieth will also provide comparison data for Tier 2 officers considering a change to Tier 5.

Once you determine your desired entry date into DROP, Sgt. Kieth will complete a 15.2 for your signature that will indicate your intention for a retirement date and enrollment into DROP. You will be given the original form and you may proceed to the Department of Fire and Police Pensions at 360 East Second Street, Suite 400 (213-978-4500) any time after May 1, 2002.

The Pension Department recognizes

that more than 400 officers may show up the first day to enroll in DROP. They will not be able to process that many applicants at once. To be able to adequately accommodate all officers and firefighters enrolling in DROP, the Pension Department will allow anyone signing up in the month of May only, to retroactively enroll in DROP effective May 1, 2002, if they so desire.

Chris Annala and Tina Zipper will conduct two daily DROP enrollments in the eighth floor Pension Board Hearing room at 360 East Second Street. They will accommodate approximately forty (40) people in the morning and forty (40) people in the afternoon. No space is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings due to prescheduled pension business in the boardroom on those days in the morning.

During the DROP enrollment sessions, you will be briefed on all of the details of DROP and emphasis placed on the fact that once you enroll in DROP, your decision to do so is legally binding and irrevocable. The session will be thorough and complete to the extent that when you sign the enrollment papers, you will never be able to declare, "No one ever told me that."

Once you enter DROP, your pension amount is fixed except for COLA adjustments. Once in DROP you cannot change Tiers. After five years in DROP,

retirement is mandatory. Except for people with maximum pensions benefits, DROP is an important family decision that should be made with advice from your own financial advisors. It is a terrific benefit and combined with Deferred Compensation it can mean financial security for you and your family.

The Pension Department has notified us that due to programming technicalities, a computer-generated report of your DROP account may not be available until January 2003. They are asking everyone to be patient. When you receive your reports in the future any disputes will be reviewed and errors will be corrected.

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"You Knew or Should Have Known"

The double standard continues. One of the more common charges in discipline, particularly out of the Rafael Perez scandal was, "You knew or should have known that corruption was occurring in your presence."

Well, in what must have been one of LAPD's best kept secrets, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that retired Deputy Chief Maurice Moore's son is a convicted felon and a major drug dealer. The report also disclosed that assets from the drug dealing were concealed in Maurice Moore's name. Moore is now being investigated by the feds for money laundering. The shocker is that it occurred in 1992 and the Department was allegedly made aware of this at a time afterwards. But even knowing the seriousness of the evidence and the magnitude of his son's

drug dealing, even after his son was convicted and still dealing from the joint, Maurice Moore was never assigned home until a thorough investigation was completed, as ordinary officers are subjected to. Would you believe Maurice Moore was promoted while a money laundering suspect? Ordinary rank-and-file officers are strictly prohibited from being promoted while under investigation. This is the ultimate double standard. It sure pays to be a close friend of Chief Parks.

There was a heartless Captain in Rampart Division not related to Maurice Moore. He subjected numerous Rampart officers to Boards of Rights and relieved them from duty without pay. For his callous treatment of the accused officers he was promoted to Commander. Afterwards, most of those officers were found Not Guilty. But because they were relieved from duty without pay, they suffered great personal and financial hardships. One Sergeant who was forced to go through multiple and separate Boards of Rights without pay lost his home to foreclosure. He was subsequently completely vindicated of any misconduct, but his life cannot be put back together. But the Commander kept his promotion and the Deputy Chief now gets a \$12,000 a month pension for life.

Where is justice with the management double standard? The Chief of Police may be an honest man but someone on his sixth floor smells rotten. Everyone else knows what "unexplained wealth" is, why didn't Chief Parks know, and why was his promotion granted? Maybe the new Chief will find out why.

Be careful out there and lead an exemplary life. Don't let a few bad apples in management distort the good leaders we do have. But we do demand that there be no double standard of discipline and promotions.

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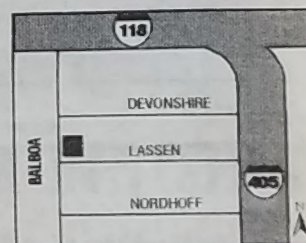
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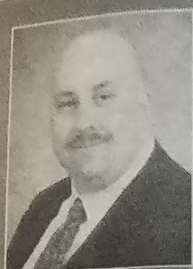
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Workers Compensation

A few days ago I reported to your delegates about changes in the workers compensation law that will take effect on **January 1, 2003**. These changes will impact each of us. In this issue, Mr. Robert Sherwin, a League panel workers compensation attorney writes about one of the changes. (See Page 18)

The new or amended laws are almost 1/2 inches thick and so complex that even the laws drafter didn't completely understand it. In conjunction with panel attorneys we will review this new law and put it into plain language for you. This information

will be published and distributed to our delegates and members.

In addition a new doctor designation form as discussed in Mr. Sherwin's article will be created and distributed to you. Each of you must see that doctor for any reason prior to selecting them. This form will go out before its implementation on January 1, 2003.

Please look for additional information in the Blue Line, LAPPL Web page and 2020.

New Web Site

The Board of Directors has directed Don Lint and me (Co-Chairs of Informa-

tion Technology) to have a new Web site created within forty-five days that will focus on our primary mission—representing our members. This Web site will provide both the public and our members current information.

This site will provide current and relevant information. We will present a preview to our delegates and provide them information to distribute. We will announce its implementation on 2020 and in the Blue Line.

Real World of Politics

Every successful union and many businesses contribute money to political parties and politicians. Let's face the facts that money talks and b.s. walks in politics. If we want to have our voices **heard and acted upon** we must act now! We must have a sizeable amount of money to spend to support our friends and defeat our foes.

Ted Hunt, who chairs the PAC committee, is preparing a letter to the membership authorizing the expenditure of dues money for this purpose. This money will come out of your current dues rate. **The amount you pay will not**

change one penny.

I know some feel we shouldn't be involved in the political process. This idea is not realistic and only hurts us. Every positive achievement has been won, at least in part if not fully, due to our involvement in the political process. We can no longer afford not to fully participate in the process!

Or we must learn to accept what is given or taken away without complaint. I for one want something better for our families and us!

Get Involved!

The effort to turn us into Teamsters has failed. The same people who pushed this effort continue to encourage people to quit our union. They do this despite the fact that the majority of the people who encourage others to leave remain themselves. The net result is harm to you and your family.

I have personally seen officers who had been told to quit and assured they would be protected. However, when con-

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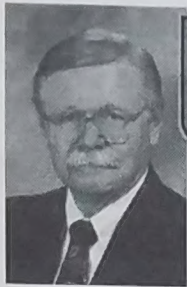
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The Insanity Continues

It never ends. Seven officers, characterized by the Department as employees who have "impeccable records" in the same document that sends them to a Board of Rights, are being sacrificed to the Rampart Scandal gods. Their crime? They solved a murder.

It was 1996. Two tagger gangs were irritating each other. Finally, two of the gang bangers shot and killed one of the rival gang members. Homicide detectives responded and put out a flyer on the weapon, vehicle and suspects. A few days later, Rampart CRASH officers working an OP saw a group of gang member types at the local Carl's Junior flashing a couple of guns. The officers called in reinforcements and the gang members and guns were brought to Rampart detectives for investigation. Someone remembered the flyer and noted that the vehicle, gun and suspect description matched. The homicide detectives were notified. Due to the large number of suspects, the homicide detectives requested their local CRASH unit to respond with them and help them out. Before they went home, the homicide detectives and the assisting CRASH officers had admissions from the two suspects who had murdered the rival gang member.

In 1997, both suspects went through separate jury trials. Naturally every angle was explored in their defense and full judicial hearings were had on the

issues. Both suspects were convicted by their separate juries. One of the suspects even appealed his conviction to the Appellate Court. He lost. They both were sentenced to long prison terms. Then their luck changed. Rafael Perez made his deal of the century.

Well, actually Perez had been on a day off the night Rampart CRASH officers arrested the group behind Carl's Junior, but his partner, former-Officer Nino Durden told him about the arrests. Durden, Perez said, showed him a fancy knife that he said that he had taken from one of the suspects. Perez gave this information to Department investigators in September of 1999.

In March of 2000, the Rampart Task Force got around to investigating the knife theft. And so, out to the prison to interrogate our convicted murderer about the stolen knife and his friends. Shockingly, the gang members thought they were improperly convicted. They raised some of the same issues that had been repeatedly litigated plus some new ones that they had forgot to mention during the trials. The allegations were dutifully recorded by the investigators. Nothing was done for nearly a year.

In March of 2001, Internal Affairs began working on the 1999 allegations that supposedly had occurred in 1996. Exactly what was done is unknown at this point, but it wasn't until April of 2002 that the seven officers mentioned

above were interviewed. All of them struggled to remember details of an arrest six years ago. Reports were read, court transcripts reviewed, photos looked at, but, hey, it was six years ago. Hours of interviews were done.

Then, seventy-two hours before the statute of limitations was up, a one-hundred page report and six-hundred pages of exhibits were dropped off by Internal Affairs to the commanding officer who was supposed to adjudicate the complaint. The commanding officer took the easy way out. He sustained all of the counts and ordered them all to Boards of Rights because *there wasn't time to properly review the materials*. Fifty-eight counts of misconduct were sustained collectively among the seven officers. The seven officers with "impeccable employee records." Up until now, that is.

Nothing, of course, will be done about the Department entities that cannot properly manage their case load. It seems that the more blatant misconduct in this case comes from those that mismanage their case load to such an extent that allegations known for almost three years cannot be investigated in a manner that allows a commanding officer more than seventy-two hours to review seven hundred pages of documentation.

It is also supposed to be the Department's burden of proof when sustaining allegations against an officer. In other words, you don't assume the officer is guilty and sustain the charges in the absence of reasons to believe the officer is guilty. If there is no time to review the evidence, the state of the evidence is in favor of the officer. One would expect that the charges would be unfounded. Faced with that prospect, maybe next time Internal Affairs will complete the investigation and give it to the commanding officer with a reasonable time to at least read it.

But that is not the LAPD way. When management founders, employees pay. In

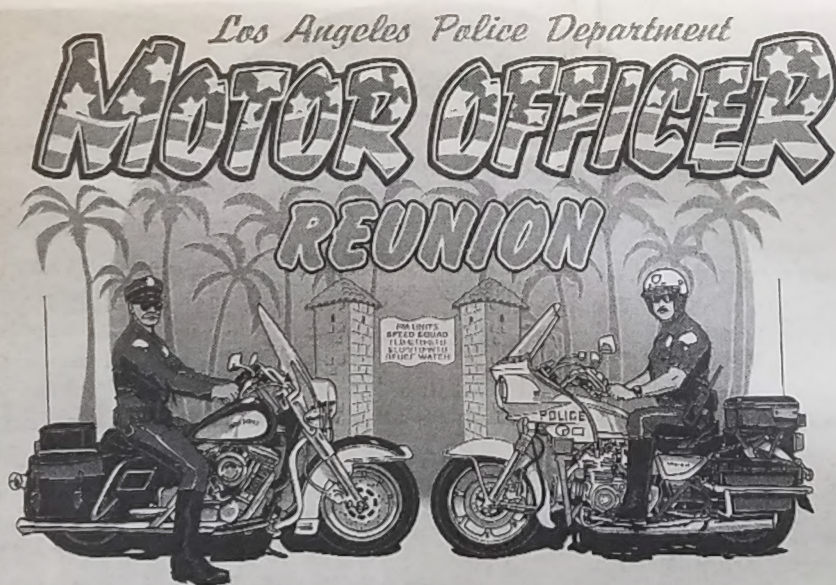
this case, seven excellent, hard-working officers will each be subjected to the stress and strain of a Board of Rights. It will consume at least five Board days each for the seven Boards. Fourteen captains or above will be required to sit on the Boards along with seven civilians. An Advocate and a League attorney will be required to be there for each Board day. Multiply that out and the inability to complete an investigation in a reasonable time, combined with the attitude that the employee is presumed guilty, will consume 420 man days. That is 3,360 hours of work that could actually be devoted to solving crime problems instead of standing around in the Bradbury Building. And guess what? After all this, the officers will be found not guilty. The same cannot be said for the Department.

Legal Insurance

This might be a good place for a commercial. Defense Representatives are a thing of the past and you should hear *warning bells*. If you are not a League member, you are on your own if you get sent to a Board of Rights. The League also offers an Enhanced Legal Plan for a small monthly fee. All of the officers in the above case received attorney representation during the Internal Affairs interviews because they belonged to the Enhanced Plan. Other legal plans require that the alleged misconduct occur during the policy period. The League's plan covers you no matter when the misconduct occurs. If you are not signed up, call 866-LAPPLAU and get prepared for the unexpected. No one on LAPD is safe from groundless accusations, even years after an arrest.

Be legally careful out there.

POSTSCRIPT: As this went to press, Sgt. Ray Garvin, of the Advocate Section, took the time to carefully review this case and will forward his recommendations up the chain to resolve this problem. Maybe. Just maybe...



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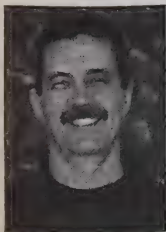
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor,

I recently completed a three-week POST recertification course held at the Orange County Sheriff's facility. The course was attended by people who were updating their POST requirements for reappointment to law enforcement agencies throughout California. It was during the lectures that incidents involving LAPD were used as an example of what NOT to do. Repeatedly during the three-week period the name of LAPD was brought up as an example of poor tactics, incomplete investigations, and poor public contacts. As a matter of fact, nothing positive was ever brought up regarding LAPD, only negative comments and criticism. At first I thought that it was jealousy raising its ugly head until I talked to several of the other students in the class.

The majority of students were applying for positions with smaller departments throughout California and a few were intending to apply as reserve officers. There were two students who were from out of state and needed their POST certificate to laterally transfer to smaller agencies. I mentioned to several students that they should consider LAPD because of the variety of positions available and the opportunity for advancement. No one was interested and some even laughed. Each person I spoke to made

the same comments that LAPD was not the department they wanted to be a part of because of its reputation, lack of leadership, and overall image.

To say the least, these comments were very disturbing. The lack of leadership is evident throughout the department from the rank of sergeant to the administrative level. Maybe the department should consider promoting leaders instead of task performers, supervisors who can teach, or maybe supervisors who can help officers and detectives do their jobs. The lack of leadership has taken LAPD to a new low and the recovery will take years. The question is **WHAT IS A LEADER?** Well, the answer is simple. A leader is someone you would follow up the hill. Look at the so-called leaders you have today. Would you follow them up the hill?

Respectfully,
Pat Anguiano
Det. III, Retired

SAYING GOODBYE

It was Friday, December 29, 2000, the last working day of the first year of the new millennium and I was the only one left at work. Lt. Allen, Commanding Officer of DARE Division, had sent everyone else home early to get a jump on the long, three-day New Year holiday

weekend. He told me to go too, but I told him that I had some paperwork to finish and that I would stay for the "late" duty and close up at 5:00 p.m. When he walked out at 3:30 p.m., the office was deadly quiet, including the phones, and the solitude was making it impossible to concentrate on my work. I was rapidly sinking into my usual "holiday blues" spirit and staring at the wall trying to remember what I had done all year, but my mind was a blur.

No, wait a minute, I know what I did all year. I thought about my retirement and how close it was getting. As of today, it was only 37 more work days away, wow! My long-awaited target date of February 25, 2001, which was my 30th year anniversary with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), was only a few weeks away. Everybody around me kept telling me how lucky I was to have so much time on the job and they said if it was them they'd be gone. Well, I wanted to leave too, but I just hadn't seen myself calling it quits yet. It's hard to walk away from something you've been doing for so long.

I had the best job on the Department, working as a field sergeant in DARE Division, supervising a great squad of officers, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other sergeants in patrol divisions kept telling me that I had it made and not to give up my spot for any reason. But my motivation and focus were gone, and worse yet, my fellow sergeants were carrying me and part of my share of the workload, as well as their own.

I thought about all those "old timers" who had said if the day ever came when they didn't enjoy coming to work anymore, they'd leave. Well, I had always enjoyed coming to work and handling the day's challenges. But things had changed so much on the Department these last few years. There was a lot more pressure on everybody to do things. In the words of the top brass, "My way or the highway!" The longstanding tradition of being able to think on your feet and taking charge was dead. Managers had cropped up in the front offices to smother our leaders in the field and stifle initiative on the front lines.

Yes, things had changed, and rightly so. Thirty years had come and gone. It was time to make way for the new and it was time to do what most of us dream about doing from day one—giving your farewell notice. I know that waiting until Tuesday morning, January 2, 2001, to call in and say that I wasn't coming back, ever, would have been more personally gratifying, but I had just realized that this really was the last work day of the year, and now the last work day of my career. I decided to strike quickly and to make it my last official act.

I wrote my retirement letter to my good friend Jack, who was my neighbor in 1974 in Simi Valley and now my superior and closest "connection" in the office. I asked him to relay the good news to the boss that I was "pulling the pin," and to thank everyone for all their support. I asked Jack to tell the Watch Commander, my other good friend, Sgt. Danny Miller, to show me unashamedly on "sick" time until February 25th and then show me retired. I left the letter on Jack's desk with my office keys, car keys and my Astro radio.

I wrapped up some loose ends, cleared out my desk and headed for the door. It was 5:00 p.m., my official end of watch

time (and this pun is most definitely intended). I gave the office one last look, felt good about my service record, and locked the door. As I said "goodbye and take care" to one of the Traffic guys I passed in the hallway, my mind flashed back. Not to the endless reports of crime scene investigations or foot pursuits or combative suspects, but to a bygone time on this Department when coming to work was fun and exciting and the first order of business, before our Start of Watch session, was going to the coffee room with some of your partners to play a quick game of "clippies," to see who would buy you your first cup of coffee.

It didn't seem like much, but those few minutes of standing "in the circle" with your partners, sipping on your cup of coffee while you shared the latest, was enough to refortify your commitment to protect and to serve. You knew that you were not alone and that "officer safety" and going home at end of watch was the team plan. By the time you walked into Roll Call, you had your head on straight and your motor running in top form.

Of course, back then a cup of coffee only cost a quarter, and being a part of "the circle" was priceless. So what if it cost you a couple of bucks every now and then (like when you were the "odd" man). It was worth every penny. Oh, and for those of you on this job who are too young to remember, a game of "clippies" consisted of each individual player grabbing a handful of paper clips from the nearest desk and holding the right number of clips in your closed hand when the lead player of the game called out "odd" or "even." You had to match the call or you bought the coffee. It was always the best cup of the day, whether free or slightly expensive. Either way, it's been fun and I bid you farewell. "Take care."

Mike Arroyo (Ret.)

Letter to the Editor:

Chief Parks: Red Flag Ignored by All in 1995 (Daily News)

Remember John Perone? Somebody owes Mr. Perone an apology. Mr. Perone, a civilian arbitrator, was dismissed from an LAPD Board of Rights panel in October of 1995 after calling it a "kangaroo court." Mr. Perone, an arbitrator for years, questioned the fairness of the two LAPD Captains' during an administrative hearing. Mr. Perone questioned (after years of experience as an arbitrator) the conduct of a board headed by then Captain Jim Whitley. Mr. Perone said that Captain Whitley showed favoritism by "rudely" interrupting the defense representative. Captain Whitney, one of two captains, was chairman of the board. Captain Whitley then started taking the roll of the department advocate and refused to allow favorable evidence for the officer. The staff command officers, who included Captain Whitley, seemed predisposed to find the officer guilty. This trial board involved an officer voicing his opinion about the ability of another officer to perform. This waste of taxpayers' dollars was for common locker room conversation.

Captain Whitley responded that John Perone, with all his past experience, wasn't familiar with the LAPD way. What Captain Whitley really meant was that there is the right way, the wrong way, and Captain Whitley's LAPD way.

END OF WATCH



NAME: Daniel R. Gardner #5488
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: February 1, 1922
APPOINTED: April 26, 1948
RETIRED: July 2, 1968
DIED: March 14, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: William R. Kees #5368
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: T.E.D.
BORN: January 19, 1925
APPOINTED: February 15, 1948
RETIRED: August 3, 1968
DIED: March 25, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Michael T. Akana #20664
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: Internal Affairs
BORN: February 27, 1946
APPOINTED: April 15, 1974
RETIRED: February 10, 2001
DIED: March 26, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: George W. Toliver #4924
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.
BORN: January 14, 1918
APPOINTED: September 7, 1947
RETIRED: October 12, 1967
DIED: March 26, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Walter L. McClain #5391
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Southwest
BORN: November 22, 1919
APPOINTED: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: May 24, 1978
DIED: April 3, 2002

NAME: Louis S. O'Neal #2450
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: T.E.D.
BORN: February 18, 1914
APPOINTED: July 10, 1941
RETIRED: October 27, 1962
DIED: March 28, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Orla G. Truitt #5435
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: AID
BORN: July 10, 1924
APPOINTED: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: March 14, 1968
DIED: March 28, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Frank Estrada #3119
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: March 27, 1917
APPOINTED: September 7, 1943
RETIRED: September 9, 1973
DIED: March 30, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Guy L. Hogue #6352
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Training
BORN: August 12, 1926
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: July 5, 1970
DIED: April 2, 2002

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cerns and ensure that they are addressed promptly and effectively. As Chief Ed Davis was fond of saying, "The most important skill in life is to be a good listener."

Remember who you work for. It's not the Mayor, the City Council or the Police Commission - it's the decent people of our city who deserve to live in peace and dignity, it's the mother who lost her child to gang violence or the little girl who's afraid to walk to school on her own because of the drug dealers who live on her street. *These* are the people who rely on your stewardship of

the department and who need your help the most.

Get to know all parts of the city. Each neighborhood in this city has different issues and different concerns when it comes to public safety, and you need to learn about all of them. The people of Los Angeles need to shake your hand, share their thoughts with you and see you taking action in their communities. Be visible, and let them know you *truly* care.

Build a network of support. No one can do everything on his or her own. We all need people to rely on to help us when we get in over our heads. Get to know as many officers and LAPD staff as you can, and rely on this network to help you when you need information, feedback or action taken.

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City Hall and Sacramento.

About 15 years ago, a mid-sized Southern California police department was the least paid agency in its area. They had the worst equipment and the worst morale. Sound familiar?

The Police Officer's Association realized they had to get police-friendly people elected in to City Hall who would put law enforcement at the top of the priority list. They needed political allies.

They also realized that if elected officials were anti-public safety, well, those people needed to be taken out of office.

They knew that both of those tactics would take money and effort.

Every officer at the POA began to contribute to the political "war chest." In fact, they gave \$20 per month.

The results are really clear. This PD is now one of the best paid, best equipped and best run departments in the nation. And it is loaded with ex-LAPD officers

who went to greener pastures that really were greener. They base their success on the \$20 per member per month for political action.

Another example is the California Correctional Peace Officers Association—the prison guards. They have become the most powerful union in California. They have elevated their status from "prison guard" to "correctional officer" and their pay and benefits from bare minimum to equal that of any other agency in California. Their power and strength is totally based on the size of its political "war chest."

This is not a laughing matter. Did you know, prison guards make about the same money as CHP officers? There is no question that they deserve good pay. They have one of the least desirable jobs in the law enforcement food chain. But the public doesn't care about prisoners and they don't really care about the correctional officers either.

Here is the fact. The people who are in control of giving raises, benefits and improving working conditions—they

It's ok to make mistakes. No one realistically expects the Chief of Police to be perfect. But when you do make a mistake, be honest and straightforward about it. The only way progress can be made is if shortcomings and areas of weakness are identified and acknowledged and solutions to them are sought openly and immediately.

Lastly, let me leave you with the words of former Secretary of State and Nobel Laureate Henry Kissinger: "The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been." This thought is especially fitting for the new leader of the LAPD. Our officers have worked through the toughest challenges that ever faced any police department anywhere and it is time for them to

enter a new era, under a new leader. They need you to lead them to a better and stronger LAPD, the kind of department that deserves the world-class reputation of which we have always been proud.

The LAPPL hopes to establish a true working relationship with the new Chief—based on mutual respect and characterized by an open exchange of ideas and frequent collaboration. Our ultimate goals are the same: to ensure public safety in the City of Los Angeles and to protect the interests of the officers who risk their lives daily to make our city safe. These are noble goals, and as the representatives of LA's finest, we will do everything within our power to make the next Chief a success. ♦

care about correctional officers. They care because CCPOA has a track record of helping friends get elected to office and eliminating enemies.

One of CCPOA's archenemies was far left leaning legislator John "Vasco" Vasconcellos. He represents the liberal areas of San Jose. He was always a shoo-in at election time because his liberal ideology fit the area. It would have been difficult to "take him out."

Then Vasco attacked CCPOA and tried to cut their pay and benefits. CCPOA launched an attack on Vasco and poured money into the campaign of Vasco's opponent who nearly beat Vasco.

When it was all over, Vasco barely won the election. The battle was tough and he learned an important lesson—Don't Mess with the Prison Guard's Union.

And the root, the source, the dependent factor of the rise of prison guards is the almighty dollar. Without the money, there is no power. Without the power, we'll always be like we are now. At the mercy of politicians.

We may not like it, but it is true. Money talks and BS walks. Money is the mother's milk of politics. Money is the tool of the political trade, just like a gun, baton and pencil is to a police officer.

LAPPL has created a political action committee (LAPPL PAC) to support and oppose candidates for public office. Your elected representatives to the Board have determined that a small portion of your current annual dues should be dedicated to support the PAC. **YOUR DUES ARE NOT GOING UP.** The Board has decided to transfer 25 cents per week from your existing regular dues to the PAC. **THERE IS NO MONEY INCREASE IN YOUR DUES. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR ANY MORE MONEY.**

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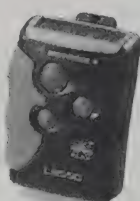
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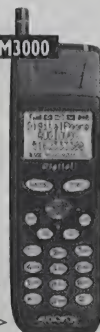
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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John Perone apparently was familiar with the fair way. Captain Whitney made reference to the procedures and practices set forth by the city charter. I must assume the city charter includes fairness in the administrative process.

Did anyone question the veracity of Captain Whitley? Apparently not. I didn't know Captain Whitley personally or by reputation, so I made a couple of calls. Captain Whitley was described to me as "administratively arrogant, no compassion towards his fellow officers, demeaning, rude and had a habit of sneering (sound familiar)." Sounds like the police commission fired the wrong board member. If I figured it out seven years later, with a simple phone call, then why not then Deputy Chief Parks or the rest of the command staff? Because like Captain Whitley, on a whole the department command level is arrogant and lacks compassion towards its subordinates. They just don't care about anything or anyone beyond their careers.

Does John Perone stand alone? No, in 1993 a 20-year veteran Deputy District Attorney sat in on a trial board. After day one: The Deputy DA commented that the procedure and practices reminded one of Russia. Day two: The Deputy DA exclaimed, "a police officer brought to a LAPD trial board is like a black man on trial for the murder of a white man in 1932 Alabama."

More recently, the critic was a board member himself. **Captain Joseph Curreri** raised questions on fairness at a trial board in 2001. All possessors of common sense questioned the credibility of Rafael Perez. The naïve on LAPD and District Attorney Gil Garcetti treated Perez like a witness instead of the criminal that he was. Rafael Perez created a scandal that was blown totally out of proportion and was nothing more than a media event. Chief Parks approved a 10 suspension for comments made by Captain Curreri regarding the credibility of Perez. Imagine that, under Chief Parks, common sense and the truth gets you suspended. The truth is an "improper remark" to Chief Bernard Parks.

Such arrogance!

Such opinions have been around about the LAPD fairness in discipline since the earth was warm. The recent developments about Deputy Chief Maurice Moore emphasize the history of the double standard on LAPD and especially under Chief Bernard Parks.

Both John Perone and Captain Joseph Curreri were punished for telling the "truth." I'm told the truth is everything.

The system is many times predisposed to the guilt of the "accused" due to the

influence of the Chief of Police. It's not always the board that is to blame; it is the process that is unfair that brought the officer to the board in the first place. All LAPD rank-and-file officers want only a fair investigation before they get the fair hearing. It went from bad to worse under Chief Parks.

Chief Parks has no one to blame but himself for his probable removal. The John Perone story was front-page news that he apparently condescended to. Then Deputy Chief Parks along with the 1995 Police Commission apparently didn't do their homework and the civilian member of the disciplinary board, John Perone, was removed. Chief Parks should have taken the opportunity to listen to the wind and the trees. He will now find that the door swings both ways.

Long forgotten, but John Perone's "stand" apparently was not in vain.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Rivera
Pacific Detectives, Retired

Dear Editor,

We finally received a copy of the *Blue Line* here in Kosovo and were happy to



LAPD in Kosovo.

see some news from the department. It was great to read about what is going on and see what some of our partners are up to. We also read about some of the other LAPD officers who were activated and serving in other parts of the world. LAPD has truly gone global.

Pictured are: Sgt. Ryan Powell (P-II Central Division) and Major Mark Stainbrook (P-III West Los Angeles Division), who are serving with 3d Civil Affairs Group, U.S. Marine Corps attached to Task Force Falcon, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

Mark Stainbrook

Thanks for the memories... as I go E.O.W.

It was August 11, 1968, when I entered the Los Angeles Police Academy as a 21-year-old recruit. After months of training, I graduated from the Academy and was assigned to West Los Angeles Division at 1633 Purdue Ave. The location is now a parking lot. While working

patrol on the morning watch, I quickly learned how to do police work from my training officers who had between 15 and 20 years of patrol experience. In those days, patrol was the place to learn how to do police work. Patrol officers with multiple hash marks were respected by both the citizens and department's command staff. Personnel complaints were generated against officers for serious misconduct not minor mistakes. Sergeants would take an officer to coffee and handle minor complaints in a mature, direct and responsible manner. There was no such thing as a hostile work environment and officers who could not take a joke would soon learn how to accept police humor. Very few officers quit the Department and most retirements were done with grace and dignity after years of service and not to avoid a Board of Rights.

My second division of assignment was 77th Street. That facility was the oldest police station in the city. The Black Panthers were ambushing officers and the streets were a dangerous place to work. After that, I moved around the city further learning how to sharpen my law enforcement skills. My dream of motorcycle duty came true and I discovered that traffic was going to be my field of expertise. I enjoyed my tour as a motor officer and discovered that a motor sergeant assignment was even better. I ultimately attained that position and enjoyed the many challenges and rewards of that assignment. Free transportation, no morning watch and a bonus for riding the motor. That was heaven.

I developed a respect for politics and became a League Delegate. That position mushroomed into a run for League Director. I won the election and held that position for eight years serving as the League's vice president, treasurer and secretary. I truly enjoyed the many challenges of politics, contract negotiations and representing the hard-working members of the League.

In 2001, I was elected to the Los Angeles City Council with great assistance from the League's Board of Directors and its members. As I continue my political career as a City Councilman, my son Christopher continues the Zine family tradition of "protecting and serving" the people of Los Angeles as an LAPD

officer. I am very proud of Officer Christopher M. Zine and I hold all members of the LAPD family close to my heart. My second son, Eric, is a student at Berkeley. He is the adventurer of the family and considering a career in law enforcement after graduation. Eric is the brains of the family, and like me, a motorcycle rider. I am blessed with two great sons! I am your voice at city hall and will never forget my roots and the dedicated officers of the Department.

I will never forget the sacrifices made by my many partners, friends and colleagues who gave their lives serving the people of our city. During my 33-year LAPD career, a total of 63 LAPD died in the line of duty. They will always remain in my prayers and thoughts along with their surviving family members.

I wish each and every one of you the best as we rebuild the LAPD to the proud and productive Department it once was.

May God bless you and keep you safe...

Sgt. I+II Dennis P. Zine, #14428
8/11/68 - 4/10/2002

Dear Editor:

I commend the LAPPL Directors for their hard work and effort. Yes you are a special interest group. You look out for the interest of all police officers. And when you see hard facts and evidence that something is wrong, we demand you speak out.

Some of the greatest leaders of our time had the courage to speak out against injustices. Some of these leaders were not big, powerful, brawny human beings. They had the strength from inside to speak their mind. They didn't give threats nor were they armed with weapons. Their power came from the truth.

I hope one lesson should be learned—it's based on an old school fable. If the emperor is without clothing, tell him about it. We are in a professional organization; don't be fearful of telling it like it is, obviously in a respectful manner.

Keep your eyes open and watch as the empire crumbles. You'll see some of the king's court jump ship and profess dislike of the 'rules' since their inception. Some will say, "I couldn't say anything for fear of reprisal." Well some good officers paid dearly for your silence.

Sincerely,
Art J. Haddock #25553
Newton Division Patrol

Weber

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fronted by the real need of that officer they walked away. The officer and his family suffer! While those who told them to leave the League continue to promise others the very protection they failed to provide.

Does this mean the League is perfect and cannot be improved? No, but we need you to be involved with the League. If you want us to improve get involved. Open every letter from the League and read it. Call the League and see if your work assignment has a delegate. Work on a committee! Attend the open delegates meeting or stop by the first Tuesday of the month at the Academy. Please vote!

Each of you has special skills and

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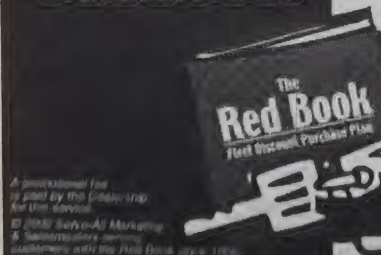
Each month I have offered answers to the question. This month I offer this answer:

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Timothy H. B. Yaryan
LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Congratulations to President Mitzi Grasso and the League Board for sticking to their guns throughout a very nasty and difficult fight with Chief Parks. Contrary to some public allegations, this was a fight over leadership, performance, and management. It was a fight over an

unjust and oppressive disciplinary system. It was a fight, in reality, over the future of the Los Angeles Police Department. It was a fight that had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that Chief Parks was an African American!

There is probably no more difficult

undertaking for the leadership of a police union than to take on their own Chief or Sheriff, knowing the retaliation that they, and their members, will eventually face. Simply put, it takes a lot of guts to take on a fight like that – and League members, to an officer should be proud of your leadership! Hopefully, whoever is appointed as the new Chief, will work closely with League leadership, closely examine the current policies and practices that created this mess, and then they will make some positive changes. League members will have to be very patient and understand that any changes will take some time and must also remember that there are some exter-

nal limitations, such as the current consent decree. Hopefully, the appointment of a new Chief will allow everyone to get off to a fresh start and begin to put behind the feelings of bitterness and acrimony.

On the legislative side, I am providing a "Hot List" Summary of the Legislation that the League is working on, so you can see, in a nutshell, what we're doing in Sacramento for your benefit. There are a lot more bills that we work on – believe me – that aren't on the list. If you want all those bills, go to my website at www.calweb.com/~thby and go to the League's website. More next time! Until then, stay safe!

Los Angeles Police Protective League: 2001- 2002 State Legislative "Hot List" SPRING 2002 UPDATE

by Tim Yaryan

2002 – 03 STATE BUDGET

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
COPS Funding	Would reauthorize \$116 million state funding for "Cops on the Street" funded in 2001 Budget.	Passed in Budget Bill
COPS Tech Grants	Would reauthorize \$35 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology.	Passed in Budget Bill
EGTRRA	Would establish conformity with Federal Tax Law and enhance retirement plans. These budget appropriations were actively supported by League.	In Committee

ASSEMBLY BILLS

BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAPPL POSITION	BILL STATUS
AB 74	Washington	Extends and broadens wiretap law.	Active Support	A. Public Safety
AB 155	Lowenthal	Adds 1 rank and file member to POST Commission.	Sponsored by LAPPL	S. Public Safety
AB 196	Correa	Eliminates "exposure" requirement for AIDS and hepatitis	Sponsored by LAPPL	Signed into Law Ch. 833, Stats 2001
AB 215	Cohn	Provides health care death benefits for family of slain officer.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 775, Stats 2001
AB 262	Correa	Provides death benefit payments to pre-1990 family of slain officer.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Signed into Law Ch. 589, Stats 2001
AB 374	Matthews	Would require certain disclosures on peace officer slate mailers.	Active Support	S. E&R Comm.
AB 486	Steinberg	Adds labor member to Workers Comp Appeals Board.	Active Support	A. Inactive File
AB 673	Migden	Expands forensic and DNA database.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 906, Stats 2001
AB 788	Firebaugh	Expands racial profiling survey and imposes civil liability on peace officers.	Active Oppose	Failed Passage
AB 882	Cedillo	Eliminates ability of POST to revoke certificates.	Sponsored by LAPPL	S. Public Safety
AB 1184	Oropeza	Amends Peace Officers Bill of Rights to protect representatives of employee bargaining units.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 788, Stats 2001
AB 1195	Correa	Amends Peace Officer Bill of Rights to protect employee for "lawful exercise of rights."	Active Support	A. Public Safety
AB 1322	Negrete McLeod	Establishes minimum state standard for protective vests.	Active Support	S Appropriations
AB 1790	Goldberg	Would weaken "Three Strikes."	Active Oppose	A. Appropriations
AB 1815	Frommer	Authorizes issuance of anti terrorism bonds.	Active Support	A. Govt. Org.
AB 1835	Bates	Eliminates liability for peace officers handling a citizen's arrest.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Appropriations
AB 1847	Correa	Would create workers comp presumption for exposure to bio chemicals.	Active Support	A. PERSS
AB 1873	Koretz	Limits discovery and disclosure of peace officer's personnel records.	Active Support	A. Public Safety
AB 1917	Matthews	Authorizes off duty and retirees to carry weapons in any private facility.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Floor
AB 1982	Bogh	Requires "4850" disability payments to be made within 30 days from officer's last paycheck.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Insurance
AB 2238	Dickerson	Would expand DMV confidentiality for peace officers to voter registration, tax assessor, etc.	Active Support	A. Public Safety

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AB 2443	La Suer	Would establish legal privilege for peace officer peer support counselor-counselee.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Public Safety
AB 2508	Dickerson	Dedicates 1/4 cent of sales tax to Anti-terrorism Preparedness Fund.	Active Support	A. Public Safety
AB 2661	Pavley	Require registration of persons who were convicted of using or possessing destructive devices.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Public Safety
AB 2742	Pavley	Eliminates funding restrictions of video surveillance for police and sheriffs.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Public Safety
AB 2846	Frommer	Protects peace officers wearing an American flag pin.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. PERSS
ACR 143	Runner and Cardenas	Proclaims September 11 as Public Safety Appreciation Day.	Sponsored by LAPPL	A. Rules
ABX 30	Cardoza	Requires notice to law enforcement of planned blackouts.	Active Support	S. Energy
SENATE BILLS				
SB 215	Burton	Modifies tax check off for California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 274, Stats 2001
SB 228	Machado	Provides grants to counties for adult drug treatment programs.	Active Support	S. Appropriations
SB 424	Burton	Provides lower back workers comp presumption for "Sam Browne Syndrome."	Sponsored by LAPPL	Signed into Law Ch. 834, Stats 2001
SB 448	Perata	Eliminates "fireman's rule" for public safety personnel.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 140, Stats 2001
SB 551	Machado	Provides reimbursement to terrorist crime victims.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 346, Stats 2001
SB 626	Perata	Exempts manufacture of large capacity magazines for law enforcement.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 937, Stats 2001
SB 730	O'Connell	Expands college scholarship eligibility benefits for dependents of slain or disabled peace officer.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 806, Stats 2001
SB 736	Poochigian	Permanently establishes \$232 million COPS funding.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 475, Stats 2001
SB 1417	Romero	Prohibits employers from using sick leave as basis for discipline or denial of promotion.	Active Support	S. Floor
SB 1516	Romero	Establishes civil liability for knowing violation of Peace Officers Bill of Rights.	Active Support	S. Judiciary
SB 1517	Polanco	Weakens "Three Strikes" Law.	Active Oppose	S. Public Safety
SBX 31	Burton	Provides revenue bond funding for energy issues.	Active Support	Signed into Law Ch. 9, Stats 2001

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LAPRAAC HOME LOAN PROGRAM AND REAL ESTATE SERVICES

The LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services are in full swing and the response from LAPRAAC members, families and friends have been tremendous.

I would like to thank everyone for their complimentary letters and e-mails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. The super competitive loan rates, free-credit check and a flat lender fee have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. Not to mention, we have negotiated with United Airlines for every LAPRAAC member to earn 1,000 United Plus Miles for every 10,000 dollars they borrow. Our Real Estate Services Program was developed to offer cash rebates and incentives to you. By using the collective buying power of a large organization like LAPRAAC, cash rebates and airline mileage programs were negotiated with real estate service providers. Normally, without the collective negotiating power of a large organization, these cash rebates and incentives would not be offered to you. The response has been tremendous to this program and many of you have enjoyed the rebate checks you received from the program.

Each month, I hope to give you information that will make you a more informed buyer or seller of real estate and mortgage services. Real estate services can be confusing, but hopefully, I can give you information to make you a more savvy consumer and save you money.

WHAT ARE FICO SCORES?

A FICO score is a credit score developed by Fair, Isaac & Co. Credit scoring is a method of determining the likelihood that credit users will pay their bills. Fair, Isaac began its pioneering work with credit scoring in the late 1950's, and since then, scoring has become widely accepted by lenders as a reliable means of credit history into a single number. Fair, Isaac & Co. and the credit bureaus do not reveal how these scores are computed. The Federal Trade Commission has ruled this to be acceptable. Credit scores are calculated by using scoring models and mathematical tables that assign points for different pieces of information which best predict future credit performance.

Developing these models involves studying how thousands, even millions, of people have used credit. Score-model developers find predictive factors in the data that have proven to indicate future credit performance. Models can be developed from different sources of data. Credit-bureau models are developed from information in consumer credit-bureau reports.

Credit scores analyze a borrower's credit history considering numerous factors such as:

- Late payments
- The amount of time credit has been established
- The amount of credit used versus the amount of credit available
- Length of time at present residence
- Employment history
- Negative credit information such as bankruptcies, charge-offs, collections, etc.

There are really three FICO scores computed by data provided by each of the three bureaus, Experian, Trans Union and Equifax. Some lenders use one of these three scores, while other lenders may use the middle score.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY SCORE?

While it is difficult to increase your score over the short run, here are some tips to increase your score over a period of time.

- Pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections can have a serious impact on your score.
- Do not apply for credit frequently. Having a large number of inquiries on your credit report can worsen your score.
- Reduce your credit-card balances. If you are "maxed" out on your credit cards, this will affect your credit score negatively.
- If you have limited credit, obtain additional credit. Not having sufficient credit can negatively impact your score.

I have a great website that will give you lots of information and insight to your FICO scores. The website is www.myfico.com. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

About the author:

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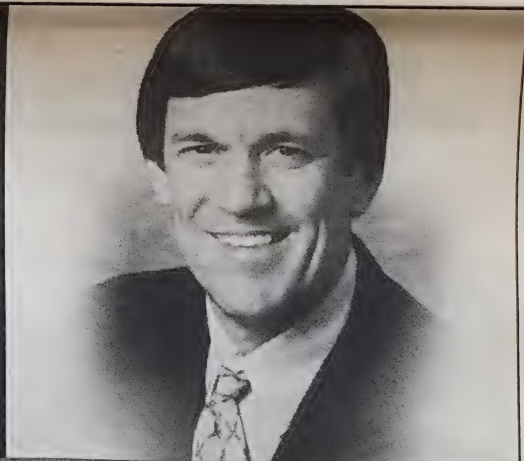
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

New Work Comp Law Affects Police Officers

by Robert Sherwin
Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin

Governor Gray Davis recently signed a new legislation that affects your worker's compensation rights, both procedurally and substantively. This law takes effect on January 1, 2003, and applies only to injuries occurring after that date. As police officers, you should become familiar with the more significant procedural changes that will affect the amount and type of benefits you receive if injured on the job.

Most of you are probably aware that if injured on the job and the city accepts liability for that injury, then you are entitled to all medical treatment that is reasonable and necessary for the effects of that injury. Normally, for the first 30 days from an injury, the city controls your treatment and you must treat with a physician of their choice (i.e., Healthline Medical Center; Boyle Heights Medical Group, etc.). After 30 days, you have an absolute right to transfer treatment to a doctor of your choice, assuming you are still in need of treatment. You are not limited to just one change of doctors but may transfer treatment to other doctors so long as your changes are reasonable. You can avoid the

30-day waiting period if you "pre-select" a treating physician. However, to pre-select a doctor it must be a physician that you have previously seen, not someone you will be seeing for the first time.

Currently, the treating physician for a work-related injury carries a legal presumption that he/she is correct on all issues concerning the injured employee (temporary disability status, level of permanent disability, and need for treatment). It is extremely difficult to rebut this presumption and therefore whoever is controlling the treating physician, is controlling your destiny! That is why the city frequently sends you to certain physicians or medical groups as they know these doctors will minimize the extent of treatment or disability.

The new law, set to take effect next year, eliminates the treating doctor presumption *except* in cases where the injured police officer "pre-selected" a treating doctor. In other words, you can still get the upper hand on the city and control your claim, if you pre-designate your treating physician. The law remains the same that in order to pre-select a doctor, it must be your "personal physician" who is defined as your regular physician who has previously directed your medical treatment and who retains your medical

records. If a physician has seen you on one prior occasion for any condition, that doctor would qualify as a personal physician for pre-designation purposes.

Many officers ask what type of physician should they pre-designate. Should it be an orthopedic surgeon? An internist or cardiologist? There is no hard and fast answer to that dilemma. A treating physician for a work-related injury has the ability to refer you to other doctors to render appropriate treatment. Thus if you pre-select an internist as your personal physician, and your injury is to your back, your internist would be the primary treating doctor and he/she could then refer you to an orthopedist, chiropractor, acupuncturist, etc., for appropriate treatment. Conversely, if you designate an orthopedist, that doctor can also refer you to appropriate specialists as needed (neurologist, internist, etc.). What is critical is that whomever you pre-select as your treating doctor is one that must have seen you at least once prior to any work-related injury and that doctor should be familiar with worker's compensation reporting requirements and permanent disability guidelines. If you select a doctor unfamiliar with the worker's compensation process, you are

inviting trouble as that doctor will not issue reports to the city in a timely manner, which could jeopardize your benefits such as IOD time and treatment. If you pre-select a treating physician and decide later that you would like to change doctors, you may do so even if it is during the treatment process.

What if you do not pre-select a treating doctor? You still have the right to select a doctor of your choice after the first 30 days from the date of injury. However, that doctor will not carry any legal presumption that his/her opinion is correct. It simply puts you on an even playing field with the city should a dispute arise on your claim and the city sends you to a doctor of their choice for a medical legal evaluation. With the presumption on your side, you control the game! Under current law, the presumption applies to any treating physician, whether pre-selected or not. As of January 1, 2003, the presumption only applies to those personal doctors you pre-designate.

There are other significant changes in the work comp laws that will be discussed in future articles. For the present, however, be smart and consider finding a good doctor who can treat you if you suffer an injury with the city.

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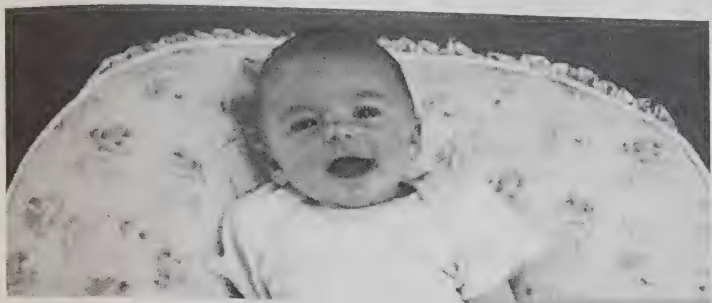
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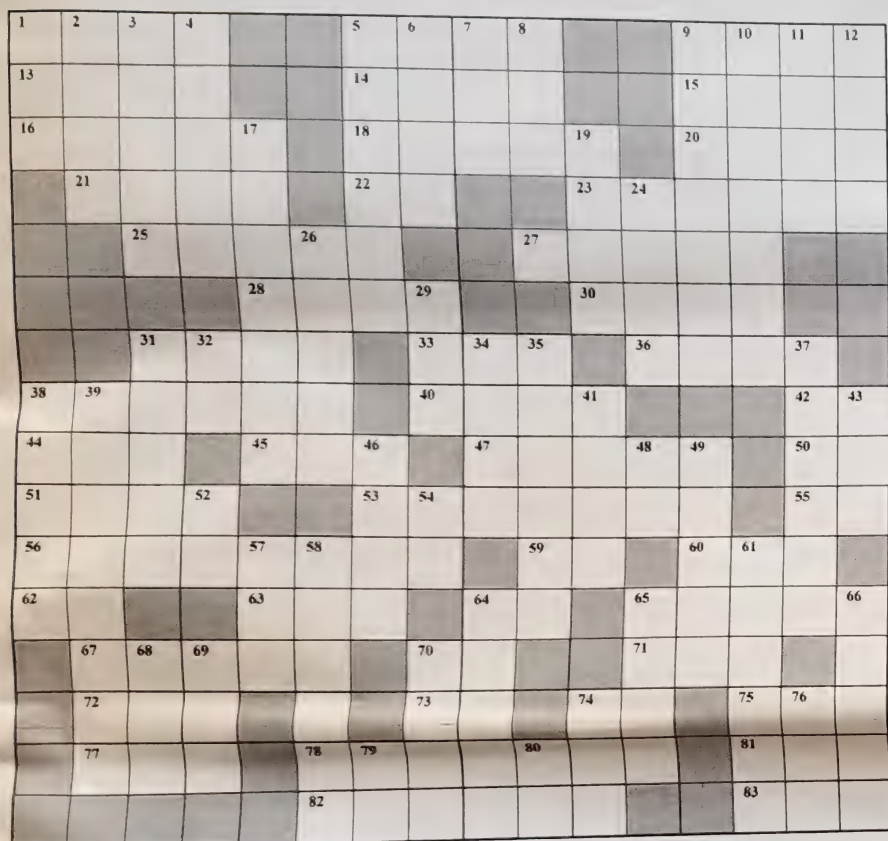
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by Willie Mann



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1. Prohibits.
5. Bureaucratic red _____.
9. Corpse.
13. Jacob's brother.
14. Regrets.
15. Burden of proof.
16. Large northern sea duck.
18. To make into law.
20. Body of water.
21. Assistant.
22. 4th largest state, abbr.
23. Type of counter.
25. Situated behind, or old fashioned.
27. Strainer or colander.
28. Hard to find.
30. Nighttime Air Support device, abbr.
31. Actor Baldwin.
33. Paris to N.Y. jet.
36. Band worn over the shoulder.
38. Type of dessert.
40. Two of something.
42. Cute, green, pencil neck alien.
44. _____ of the line.
45. Illegal substance awareness pro.
47. To fit into an environment.
50. Paramedic unit, abbr.
51. To see or behold.
53. Runs away quickly.
55. Indefinite article.
56. Elated.
59. Windy city state, abbr.
60. It's _____ or nothing.
62. Staten Island state, abbr.
63. Anger or fury.
64. Step above Sgt.
65. Wash away or decay.
67. Bell like sound.
70. Symbol for gold.
71. Brand name of wall cleaning soap.
72. Horror star Chaney.
73. Dr.'s assistant.
74. I told you _____.
75. Rowboat paddle.
77. And so on, and so on.
78. Betrayal of one's country.
81. Nightingale or Henderson, abbr.
82. Annually.
83. Type of club.

DOWN

1. Busy as a _____.
2. Largest land mass.
3. Lowest point.
4. Type of leather.
5. Aftershock.
6. Uncle's wife.
7. Green, round legume.
8. PC key.
9. South American country.
10. Asian wild asses.
11. Husband of the Duchess.
12. River in France and Belgium.
17. To make over a tire as if new.
19. "Hurray, it's the last day of the work week," abbr.
24. Slippery sea snakes.
26. "Go Speed _____."
29. Clairvoyant gift, abbr.
31. South American mountains.
32. Lethal dose, abbr.
34. Swedish car.
35. A choice morsel of food.
37. Official crier or messenger.
38. Code _____, time to eat.
39. One wheeled conveyance.
41. Transit _____ Division.
43. Soak up rays.
46. Buffalo's lake.
48. Hated academy activity, abbr.
49. Rulers of Russia before 1917.
52. Number of lbs.
54. Used on hot summer days, abbr.
57. Ready, _____, fire.
58. A contract between two countries.
61. Cut away the top of a tree.
64. Type of eclipse.
65. English college founded in 1440.
66. Troubled corporation in the news.
68. What stolen property is said to be.
69. Big business name ending, abbr.
70. Used to be called a Division.
74. Asian sauce or non dairy milk.
76. _____ carte, menu item.
79. With regard to.
80. Mercedes Benz model.

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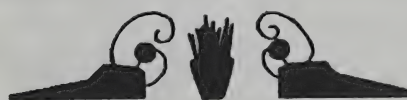
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With in excess of 13,000 employees Departmentwide, many times our employees and their family members face serious injury, catastrophic illness, or the prospects of death in the family. Often times these situations can be long term and have devastating financial and psychological impacts along the way.

Being in the Law Enforcement community each of us is used to dealing with crisis and in most cases prepared to handle almost anything we are faced with. Unfortunately, when it comes to health and insurance benefits, most of us are not well versed and may feel lost or helpless no matter what the relationship to those involved may be. To meet this critical

need, Sergeant Michael Apodaca, Department Wellness Coordinator (DWC), is available to all employees and their family members on a 24-hour basis. In assisting employees the DWC's duties may include something as simple as picking up family members of a critically injured employee to helping unravel the tremendous web of resources available to employees during these times of crisis.

Sergeant Apodaca has a high degree of institutional knowledge of medical issues, the Workers Compensation process, Pension process, as well as your sick and other insurance benefits. He works closely with the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Police Relief Association, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, Employee Assistance Unit, Behavioral Science Services,

Workers Compensation Division, Medical Liaison Section, and other benefit providers and can streamline what may seem an impossible task.

Sergeant Apodaca states, "Time and time again I get calls from officers or the friends of officers who have been off for months. In many cases the officers are waiting for approval of a surgical procedure or are about to run out of sick or IOD time and just do not know where to turn. These problems can be complex and are obviously frightening to someone about to go without pay. These are the problems that I deal with every day and may be able to help find solutions to minimize those fears and the effects they can have on you and your family."

Sergeant Apodaca believes that through early intervention and involvement many problems can be avoided, minimized, or better managed. Having dealt with hundreds of employees during times of crisis, Sergeant Apodaca has learned that planning, education, and awareness of how different entities relate and work together are a sure cure to minimizing the devastation of long-term illness and care. Sergeant Apodaca says

that early intervention can better manage problems before they get out of hand.

If you find yourself or a family member caught in "red tape" or just needing advice of what assistance is available we urge you to contact Sergeant Apodaca as early as possible.

Sergeant Apodaca is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is always happy to answer your questions, meet with you or your family, and to assist you in any way possible. You can contact him at (213) 359-1179 during normal business hours or through the Department Command Post during off-hours, at (213) 485-2504.

Sergeant Apodaca is a 28-year veteran of the Department and is currently assigned to the Ombuds Office, Office of the Chief of Police. He is a Peer Counselor, a member of the Peer Counselor Steering Committee, and is on the Board of Directors of Peace Officers Desert Refuge. In his off-hours, Sergeant Apodaca volunteers as a member of the Flying Samaritans, flying doctors and nurses to remote parts of Mexico to provide treatment for the needy.

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Take Time to Stop and Smell the Gunpowder

by Sgt. Mike Arminio
Hollywood Division

So anyway, the other day I head up to the Academy to qualify. It was getting close to the end of the month and a training trip during the last week of the month would prevent me from shooting then. So I grabbed my Sam-Browne, a box of ammo, and headed for Elysian Park. When I reached the Combat Range, I strapped on my belt and .45 and began to pre-stage my magazines. I opened up my box of ammo and realized I grabbed the 9mm ammo by mistake. So I had 25 of the 30 rounds I needed to qualify with and a half box of 9mm. I'm thinking: "I'm only short five rounds...and I have all this 9mm..." So I go up to the range office and hit the guy up with my deal. I tell him my predicament and ask him if I can trade my 9mm ammo for the five rounds I need and the 20 I need to turn in (it was Factory month for odd serial numbers).

"So...waddaya say?" I asked him.

"No...we can't do that," he says.

"Why not?" I ask.

"It's against policy," he replies.

I figure he didn't understand my request and just needed me to reword it.

"See... I have twenty-five .45 rounds... I have this half box of 9mm. So, I was thinking you could take my 9mm ammo and let me have five .45

rounds and I could qualify now and not have to drive back to Hollywood and then come back... (smile)... know whatamean?"

"No, it's against policy. They don't let us do that."

"Against policy..."

"Yeah."

"Okey...dokey."

His partner stood behind him and didn't say a word, apparently in agreement with him. Well, you can't argue with Department policy. I don't know where it's written, but I'm sure it's got to be written someplace. Otherwise, why would they enforce it? I for one would like to commend that officer for going against what many would think is a natural, common sense solution to my problem. Instead, he obeyed Department policy and was able to look himself in the mirror the next morning. After driving back to Hollywood and returning the next day with the better-fitting ammo, I thought: "If that isn't what law enforcement is all about...what is?" Right?

Besides, if we don't trade in the same caliber ammo for what we shoot, those guys might run out of that caliber ammo. They might have to go buy the ammo they get to shoot all the time at the Bonus Range! I'm glad I was able to do my part.

When my head stopped spinning from all this reasoning, I got to thinking about the range itself. I got to thinking about the

guy who designed and built it. I was privileged to know him for about 20 years. He was quite a guy. His name was Earl Weaver. He was the son of a Los Angeles policeman. He was a member of the first L.A. Police Academy class in 1936. His name is listed near the bottom of a brass plaque that is located in the Academy Café (enter the front door pass the cash register, turn right and as you enter the next room, look to the wall, inside, at your left).

Having graduated the Academy, Earl was assigned to Central Division Station, then located on the southeast corner of 1st & Hill Streets. He recalled riding code three in the new '37 Ford to a help call in Hollywood. Earl recalled pulling into the underground garage of the station. It had a revolving platform built down below which could be rotated to allow a paddy wagon to be turned around and the horse, reharnessed. The station also had an arraignment court and an on-duty doctor to expedite arrests (what a concept). Later, Earl was assigned to the infant Metropolitan Division. One of his assignments was to ride the trains to the state line and throw vagrants off. Into recent years, he still had nightmares about jumping from car rooftop to rooftop.

He worked the Harbor during World War II, where he found himself in more than a few donnybrooks with barhopping G.I.'s, itching for a fight. Years later, back downtown, he and his three-man squad worked the drunk-rollers. On one occasion, one of his partners posed as a sleeping drunk, hoping to attract the thief they were targeting. They got their man...but not before he left his calling card, which was urinating on his victim. The partner was more than a little ticked off. After cuffing and placing the thief in the rear seat of their plain car, the partner sought to express his irritation at him. He got just a bit too expressive when he accidentally fired a round from his .38 into the rear seat, next to the crook's head. The guy probably thought twice about urinating on sleeping drunks after that.

Earl was later assigned to the Police Academy, where he worked as a range instructor. He was a DX and traveled around the country with the Department Shooting Team. He was not only a great marksman. The Great Depression taught many to rely on more than one skill. He taught himself carpentry, plumbing, electrical, gardening, landscaping, masonry and auto mechanics. He could take anything apart and put it back together in better working condition than it had originally been. While working all those years on Morning Watch, he spent his off hours buying, fixing up houses and selling them. He did the heavy work while his wife Pauline did the fashion and interior designing work. It was a tough time. The Department didn't pay overtime in those days, either. They prospered from honest hard work and raised two sons and a daughter. He used his skills at building to design and build the Combat Range we still qualify at today, as well as many other improvements to the Academy.

In the '60s, he built himself the three-level house in Costa Mesa where he and Pauline retired. Earl didn't just vegetate after pulling the pin in 1967. He continued his active life of boating, motorcycling and using his hands to make or improve whatever he could get his hands on. Age didn't seem to slow him down or dull his eye. Around the age of eighty, Earl bought a new Ford truck cab and chassis. He welded an extension onto the chassis and, from scratch, built a motor home. This wasn't some tacky piece of junk. It looked like a new model you'd find on a sales lot. It featured oak and

glass cabinets and a bed that he designed to be raised by a motor and bike chain at the flick of a switch. A couple of years later he installed a Jacuzzi with a picture window at the house for him and Pauline in their upstairs bedroom.

One day, again after the age of eighty, Earl and I went to the range together to "pop some caps" as he would say. I've always been a fair shot. With the same one-hand grip he won championship matches with, Earl made my shooting look pathetic, as he drilled the bull's-eye.

I had promised Earl I would take him for a ride-along and finally followed through in 1997, while working Rampart. The Senior Lead Officers who worked my office were amazed at his longevity and his history he recalled so vividly. He had a fairly uneventful watch throughout the day. I felt bad we hadn't been able to get into anything for his first ride in a black and white in more than three decades. As I headed up Loma Drive, from 6th Street, en-route to the station with EOW in mind, we saw two parked cars at the curb. A gangster-looking male and female had exited the front car and were engaged in conversation with a second set of male/female gangsters in the rear car. I ran the front car's plate. "Code-Six Charles...Two Queen Ten, what is your location?" was the reply. The car had been used in a local 211. The second car, which I ran while awaiting back-up, came back as a stolen. We maintained our position while trying not to initiate a stop before the troops showed up, but the car occupants began to get antsy, looking like they were about to take off on us. I hit the lights, drew down and ordered everybody on the ground. Earl alighted from the black and white and took his position behind the passenger door. It was then when he brushed back his jacket, I realized he was packing a handgun and appeared to have no qualms about engaging any targets. When the juvenile delinquents failed to follow all orders as directed, Earl used his command presence and set them straight. He wasn't my ride-along; he was my partner. We soon had our back-up and everybody went to jail without incident.

At the station, Earl called Pauline and told her for the first time in more than 40 years: "Honey, looks like we got a late arrest, so it's gonna be a little while before I get home." Priceless.

Earl hadn't been doing so well in the last year. He went downhill pretty quick. He was beginning to forget and even think he was back on the job when I would stop by.

As many of us have done so many times, I let my own problems and perceived lack of time prevent me from stopping by and paying him as many visits as I should have. One Sunday, a few weeks back, I stopped by and saw him for the first time in a long time. He looked only a shell of what he had been. He had lost a lot of weight and couldn't speak. As he sat in a wheelchair and dozed, I gently woke him and shook his hand. His grip was as strong as ever as he managed a smile. I told him I was proud to know him and call him my friend. After I left, I prayed for God to be merciful and not let him suffer. Earl died in his sleep the next Sunday.

When you visit the Academy, in spite of whatever important matters or trivialities might arise, even if you have to leave and come back with the right five bullets, take a minute to look around and give a thought that a lot of good men came here before us.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I Have Fibro What?

by Sherrell Nichole Stamps
Peer Counselor-
Management Analyst II
Pacific Area

(Reprinted from Peer Counselor News)

"I have Fibro what?" was my response to the city doctor that diagnosed my condition in January, 1998. I thought maybe it was carpal tunnel, since my arms, wrists, hands and fingers were so sore and terribly painful. The doctor did the standard tests for carpal tunnel and ruled it out. He then told me to see a psychiatrist to deal with a condition called **FIBROMYALGAE**. The pain soon went from my hands, arms, and fingers to all over my entire body. I know that on the outside I did not look ill, but I felt like a Mac truck had hit me and none of my regular practitioners knew what to do about it. It took me three years, too many doctors to count and too many experimental medications before I located some real help and belief about my body.

Most doctors tried to say it was my weight, and yes I do have a weight problem, but it shouldn't cause this much pain all over my body. I had just about given up hope on ever trying to work and have a

pain-free life, until I met my current physician. She began to give me hope just by believing that there was really something wrong with me.

Now I am on medication that controls the pain and I've also learned to live with a certain amount of pain. I have also discovered that I was not alone in this battle and that there are support groups for people with Fibromyalgiae. If you have it, do not fear. There is no known cure for the illness, but there are a lot of ways to manage it and live a productive life.

If you have it or know someone with it, you can help by first validating that their pain is real and that there is really something medically wrong with them, and it is not just in their heads. I was also told that as well, that pain is all in the brain and could be controlled just by the way you view the situation. I do believe that to a point. However, you can't tell me that what I was feeling was in my head. It was all over my body and killing me. I am sharing my story with you not for sympathy, but to let people know about the illness and to validate those who suffer from it. If you ever need to talk or want someone to listen, just contact me at Pacific Area at (310) 202-4571.

Poet's Corner

9/11 Poem

Author Unknown

It was late one Tuesday evening,
Before a mother could sit down,
To tell her only child about
The terror that hit downtown.

She looked into the eyes of her son
God, she loved him so,
She felt her heart begin to break
And the hurt begin to show.

She gathered all her strength and
courage,
As her story she began to tell.
"Baby don't cry, but I'm afraid daddy
Might be under a building that fell."

The boy looked back at his mother,
His eyes made not one blink.
And the mother's tears began to fall.
What would her baby think?

You see, his dad is a police officer
And his hero from the day of his birth.
He loved his dad more than anything
else

That could ever inherit this earth.

The mother's head began to drop,
Her forehead resting on palm.
She thought her son would be upset.
Instead, he was very calm.

The boy leaned over towards his mom,
And put his hand upon her head.
In her ear he began to whisper,
And this is what he said:

"Mommy, please don't cry,
I knew daddy wasn't coming home.
I talked to him just a while ago,
But it wasn't on the phone.

He told me that he loved me,
And he promised we'd meet again.
He told of his new home,
And the job he was to begin."

"God is building an army,
And there are many angels needed.
That is where daddy and the others went.
They weren't all defeated."

It was then the mother lifted her head.
The tears streamed down her face.
And she could feel her husband's pres-
ence,

As it filled her heart with grace.

It was then she knew her son was right.
He was in God's great army now.
She also knew her son was safe,
That he'd be kept from harm somehow.

So, evil-doers of the world beware.
An army is on the way.
Bolstered by new angels,
Who left the towers that day...

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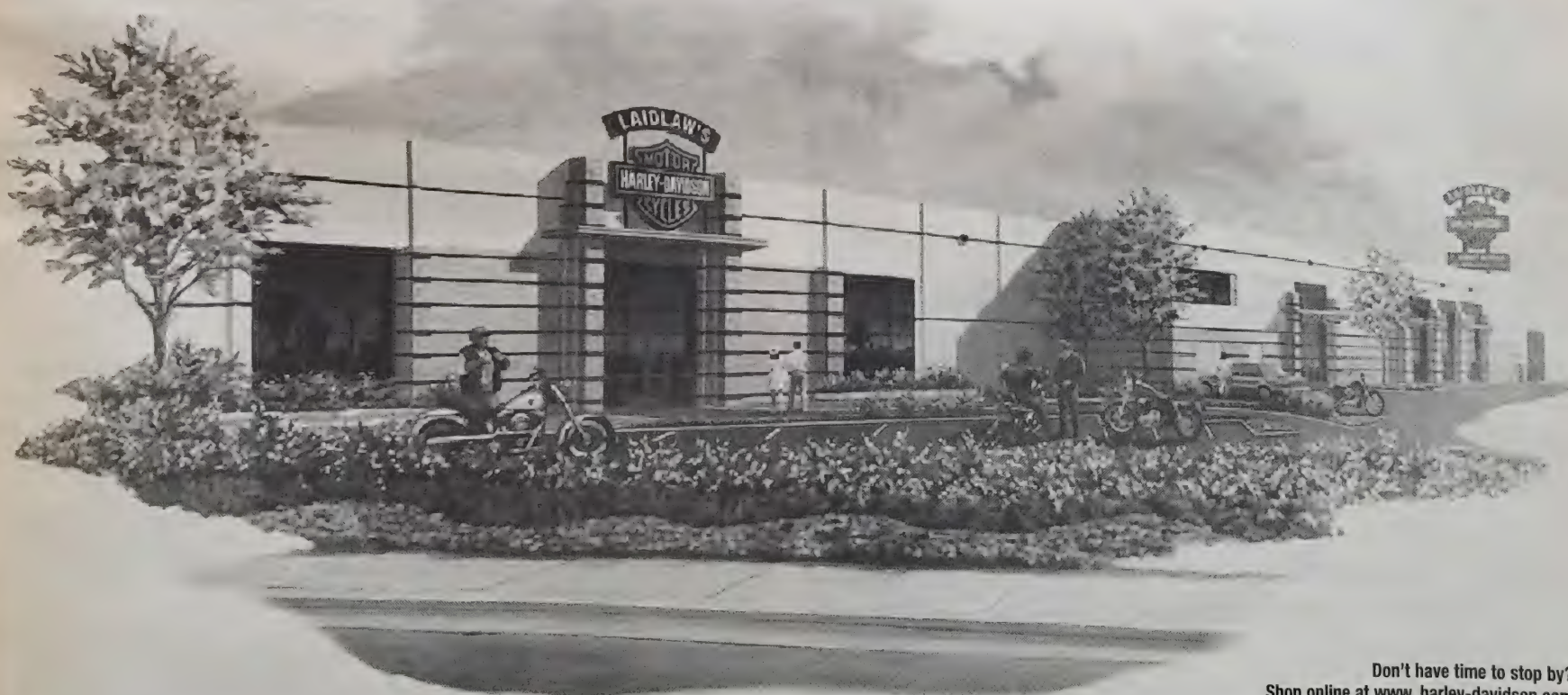
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SLO UPDATE

Dear Senior Lead Officers and Community Members:

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, Mayor Hahn made a presentation to the Police Commission to fully restore Senior Lead Officers. Commissioners Saucedo and Cunningham further reported the specifics of the plan. It is everything we have requested for 4-1/2 years and will establish a consistent foundation for all 18 divisions in Los Angeles. The plan goes into specific detail and will allow further growth of Community Policing in the city. A number of community members from various divisions spoke in support of the SLO restoration plan. It was evident from the presentation that the Mayor, his staff, the Police Commission and their staff have done extensive research and LISTENED to THE COMMUNITY! The Police Commission voted unanimously FOR the plan and asked the Police Department to incorporate the recommendations into an order and submit it to the commission within 30 days for approval.

If you have not already done so, we need you to give your added voice to the Commission and Mayor Hahn. We do not want the LAPD upper management to try to water this plan down. They did that the last time the Police Commission ordered the immediate reinstatement of Senior Leads in October of 2000.

For those of you who did not attend the Police Commission meeting on Feb. 26, you should be aware of what also happened. Rev. Cecil Murray (AME Church), Danny Bakewell, Rep. Maxine Waters and City Councilman Nate Holden showed up along with several hundred others to demand Chief Parks be given a second term. They showed no respect for protocol, the commission or the commission's agenda. Waters and Holden spoke against the SLOs, but it was apparent that they had little knowledge of Senior Leads or what SLOs have accomplished in our city. Some speakers used the words "Senior Leads" just to get up and speak on *our* agenda item to use that time to berate the Mayor and demand Parks be given a second term. Previous commission meetings have also had speakers make intimations of coming trouble and unrest if Parks is not given a second term. We understand Parks' supporters during the Public Comment section booed an officer who spoke against the Chief for a second term. There was no excuse for the ignorance and disrespect that was exhibited. Flyers were circulated for Parks' supporters to join a protest rally in March at the Grove on 3rd and Fairfax. The Grove is a development project of Rick Caruso who is the President of the Police Commission. A meeting between Caruso and protest leaders resulted in the demonstration being called off.

For 4-1/2 years we have fought for the day of restoring SLOs fully and no one is going to overshadow it. We are in the process of solidifying a good thing for all communities of Los Angeles.

We thank Mayor Hahn and his staff and the Police Commissioners and their staff for their support of the community. A good thing for L.A. was achieved on February 26th—regardless of who our next Chief is.

Thanks for supporting your SLO.

Page Miller and Sandy Munz
Save Our Senior Leads, Co-chairs
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Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Highland and Hollywood

Several dozen citizens from Change Our Chief and many Neighborhood Watch members from different divisions across L.A. demonstrated in the area surrounding the Academy Awards. It was a vocal and visual show of support for a new Chief of Police for the LAPD and a support for Community Policing, Senior Lead Officers and the rank and file. Specially designed t-shirts and signs drove the point home to supportive passersby.

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Tuesday, April 2, 2002 – Police Commission Meeting

About a dozen supporters from different divisions spoke in support of:

- 1) The Police Commission
- 2) The process of the review of Chief Parks to continue in a closed door session
- 3) Mayor Hahn's proposal to fully reinstate Senior Lead Officers consistently in all 18 divisions
- 4) A new Chief of LAPD

Many of us wore our specially designed t-shirts. The electronic media could not ignore us as they have done in the past. Channel 9 and 7 covered our side of the story more in-depth. Channel 2 only gave a brief glimpse of our shirts.

Civil rights attorney Leo Turrell spoke against Chief Parks and felt a new Chief was best for LAPD. He further stated that he resented being called an "Uncle Tom" by fellow African-Americans. Rep. Waters spoke and used her time to call Pres. Caruso a "coward" for not publicly calling her what she thinks he allegedly called her as was allegedly stated in an anonymous letter. We not so subtly let her know her time was up after a minute. She then went to city council to demand they launch an investigation. They voted against such an action. Several of us also went over to the City Council wearing our shirts. We wanted them to know we were there.

VETERAN'S CORNER



American Legion News

Commander Bill Zimmerman

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by "JJ" Leonard

March Meeting

On March 19, 2002, Police Post 381 had its regular meeting in Panorama City at Panorama Post 317. Homemade dinner by Elvia Ledesmer and 2nd Vice Richard Ledesmer was served and consumed. The normal donation of \$5 was collected by Sgt. at Arms Richard Kalk. Commander Zimmerman is really learning how to run the meeting. It had to be one of the fastest meetings we have ever had! That's okay, just that much more time to renew ol' friendships with ol' comrades.

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

On March 23, 2002, Drill Team Sgt. Fred Osby made it official. He retired! After only 34 years and 26 days. It was a shame that 34 years of dedicated service did not bring out any of our staff officers. Personally, I thought Chief Bernard C. Parks would be there, since he was Fred's Training Officer. Goes to show how much I know.

But in attendance were Captain Jim Tatreau, Robbery Homicide; Captain Morris Smith, Southwest Division; Captain Kenny Gardner, MTD; and Captain Ann Young, South Traffic Division.

Talk about ol' timers present—my ol' Training Officer on Motors, Virgil Young, and retired Drill Team Sgt.

Tony Morgan. I could go on forever naming the Who's Who, but if you attend the 2nd every five year Motor Reunion, July 20, 2002, at the original academy, I am sure you will see everyone who was at Fred's retirement plus a few. Last time there were 525 motor cops in attendance.

But I will not forget to mention Fred's First Lady, Esther, who made all the centerpieces, which I was lucky enough to win, and then it ended up at the new Drill Team Sergeant's home, Mitch Windsor?! The ladies were beautiful, the gentlemen handsome, and everyone had a great time. From the whole Drill Team, "Go get 'em, Fred!" There is life after LAPD!!

April 12, 13 and 14, 2002, the Drill Team will be in Pacific Grove for the 16th Annual Police Motorcycle Competition. We have a team entered from the Drill Team, Bob Williamson and Gil Murillo, their motorcycles are glowing, their uniforms are perfect, now all they have to do is remember to brush their teeth.

Psycho or Patriot - 'You be the Judge'

(Written by Sgt. Dale Turner, aka Captain America)

The story you are about to read is based on fact, it is a true story.

In April, 1963, a young sailor, after spending four years on active duty, joined the LAPD. After graduating and completing his probation, he applied for motorcycle patrol and was soon accepted to the LAPD motor squad. Life was good for this six-year LAPD veteran. He had it made: riding the streets of San Fernando Valley on a police motorcycle, bringing in the big bucks with that extra hazard duty pay. But times were changing. It was June, 1968, the Vietnam War was going strong as were the anti-Vietnam War demonstrations. To add to the political climate, the city of Los Angeles was going through some big changes politically and it began to become apparent that the new city leaders were becoming as liberal as those who were protesting against the war. He found himself responding to anti-war demonstrations listening to those who seemed to have not one ounce of patriotic blood in their

veins. How could this be? Our soldiers being called baby killers and invaders. As months passed, he followed the news often feeling that the truth was not being told. The anti-war demonstrations began to increase and the "call outs" to Century City and UCLA to deal with the pot smoking anti-war protesters were becoming more and more frequent.

It was now early April, 1969, a sunny mild day, a perfect day for a motor cop riding and taking in the fresh spring air. He was working Day Watch in West Valley Division. It could not have been any better. But once again he was consumed with the thought that had crossed his mind many times over the past year about going to Vietnam. Every working day he would ride by the Armed Forces Recruiting Office on Reseda Blvd., and the sign in front would jump out at him "Join the Marines." But this time it was different. His mind was made up. Motor Officer Frank DeFina pulled his police motorcycle to the curb, in front of the recruiting station, climbed off his motorcycle, adjusted his Sam Browne, checked his gig line and strutted into the Marine recruiting office. Frank enlisted that morning getting the Corps to guarantee him combat duty. The Los Angeles Police Department thought he had gone mad, even labeling him a "psycho," while others admired his resolve and patriotism.

Frank was off to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, fol-

lowed by combat training at Camp Pendleton. After his training, the Marine Corps made good their promise. Frank was assigned to the 2nd and 4th Combined Action Groups (CAG) in the Quang Tri province of Vietnam and soon found himself deep in battle. When the CAG units were disbanded, Frank was transferred to Mike Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (M-3-1) to finish his Vietnam tour of duty. Frank DeFina returned from Vietnam to LAPD, and finally to his beloved "motor squad." Frank found the truth, to him the war was just and a noble war. His love of country was stronger than ever. He could now face the protesters having the knowledge that he had been there and that we were not baby killers nor invaders but disciples of freedom. Frank served gallantly in battle. He was awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V", a Purple Heart, the Navy Commendation with Combat "V", the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, the Vietnam Service Ribbon, and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. Frank DeFina retired from LAPD in 1983 and is now living in Redding, California. He plans to marry the love of his life, Sandra, later this year. Our Police Post 381 is proud to have Frank as a member.

Semper Fi, Frank. You're a good friend, Dale (and a good partner—"JJ").

Answers to crossword, page 19

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by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

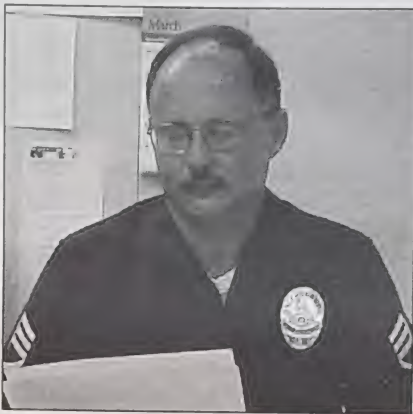
Happy May, everyone. Hope you all made it back from Baker to Vegas safely and that the hangover has worn off.

Retirement Update

On last month's column, I mentioned that we would be holding Sgt. **Rick Faulkner's** retirement on May 4th. That date has now changed and we will now be gathering on June 14th. The location is still the same, the Quiet Cannon Restaurant. Hope to see you all there to help us send Rick off in style. See SLO **Cynthia Gonzales** for more information.

Congratulations

Our most sincere congratulations go out to Community Relations OIC, Sgt. "**Fred**" **Kramer**, on his upgrade to Sergeant II. Sgt. Kramer, who has been in charge of the Community Relations Office and all Senior Lead Officers for the past few months, will now assume



Sgt. Kramer.

the role of Assistant Watch Commander. This recognition and reward for great supervisory skills could not be more

deserving. Sgt. Kramer, thanks for all your hard work and guidance while overseeing the Senior Lead Officer program. Best of luck in the future.

New Baby Update

As reported in my last article, **Chris** and **Brenda Ramirez** are the proud new parents of a bouncing baby boy. I will now take this opportunity to introduce you to little **Tyler Christian Ramirez** by enclosing this photo.



Baby Tyler Ramirez.

Adios

This month's transfer has very little movement. We say so long to Officer **Monica Scott-Moore**, now assigned to Communications Division. Officer **Scott Mazone** is now working inside at Risk Management Group. Last, but not least, Officer **Sherrie Stelter** is now protecting the citizens of West Valley Division. Good luck to each and every one of you in your new assignments.

Hola

We welcome one lone individual to our great division. Say hello to Sgt. **J. Cordova**, now assigned to Hollenbeck after spending time at Southwest Division. Welcome to the great East Side.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Rich** "I will not retire until every last illegal vendor has been eradicated" **Rodriguez**.

Well, you know what I have to go do now. Catch you all next month. Until then, stay safe!



M.S.D. Notes

by D. Swanson
Management Services Division

Santa Claus skipped the chimney at Sgt.-I **Emilio Garay's** house this year and came through a hole in the roof instead. Garay and family got a new roof for Christmas, courtesy of a very large, nefarious raccoon and a cooperative insurance company. You'll recall the rac-

coon crash-landed through the roof of the family's recently purchased home. Only a relatively small portion of a roof was damaged, but because the 35-year-old house was shingled in wood (now prohibited), the insurance company had no choice but to re-roof the entire house. Total cost in savings: \$15,000. It gets better. The company hired to do the job replaced all the insulation in the attic and touched up the paint around the entire frame of the house free of charge. Now the bad news: Several more raccoons have been loitering in the area of late, and Garay suspects they may have a masked eye on setting up residence on the new roof.

In March, MSD Captain **Brad Merritt** treated staffers to a barbecue lunch as a thank you for selling tickets to the 31st Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament.

In addition to barbecued tri-tip and outrageous Wahoo fish (caught and prepared by the captain himself), Mrs. Merritt fixed an outrageous selection of side dishes and desserts (the marble chocolate cake was out of this world). Much thanks to both.

On March 23, 2002, the Community Policing Unit (CPU) hosted the Annual C-PAB Summit. To kick off the festivities, CPU needed just the right person to lead the group in an invocation. The unit looked no farther than to our very own, newly designated Department Chaplain, Sgt.-I **Ben Warren**. Warren introduced himself and led the festivities with an inspirational talk. Chief Parks then welcomed everyone, and each of the geographic bureaus offered presentations about new and innovative programs. Nearly 400 members of the Department and C-PAB members attended this year's event, held at the Getty Center.

If you're eager to spend \$3.50 for a hot dog (okay, okay, it's an exceptional hot dog, Craig), you'll want to attend MSD Night at Dodger Stadium on May 17, 2002. Cost is \$10 per person. The Dodgers will play the Montreal Expos, who may not be around a whole lot longer. Seems the Expos may get "contracted," a fancy way to say they may be disbanded after this year. If you're interested, do contact MSD's cruise director, P-III **Craig Valenzuela** at 5-2633.

We've had some recent additions to our world: P-III **Amira Smith** and **Vivian Pappas** to PADS; P-III **Derek Brown** to Special Projects Unit; and Sgt.-II **Mark Kelly**, who is the Captain's new administrative sergeant. Special Projects Unit welcomes Lt.-II **Ed Phillip Trotter**, Sgt.-I **Jeff Perkins** to Evalua-

tion Unit. Our own Sgt.-II **Trish Milewski** is on a two-month loan to Internal Affairs Division. By the time you read this, Milewski, Valenzuela and P-III **Ernie De Alba** will have participated in Baker-to-Vegas. I have watched these people show up at the academy at 5:00 a.m. for months now, and I have no doubt they will do well.

Special hellos go out to MSD staffers **Sean Parker**, 77th Street Division's newest buck sergeant, as well as **Ed Spurling** (Foothill), **W. Kelly** (Van Nuys), **Mark Lormas** (Pacific), and **S. Dutta** (Devonshire). Following their April 4, 2002, badge ceremony, Kelly and Spurling were treated by PADS staffers to breakfast at International House of Pancakes. Speaking of former MSD staffers, I spent a day on patrol in Van Nuys last month courtesy of none other than Senior Lead Officer **Nate Banry**. It was great to see Nate, who was celebrating the birth of his third child, a healthy baby daughter.

Sgt.-II **Bob Arcos** is nine spots away from promoting. The good sergeant has been waiting patiently and faithfully attending the Supervisory Leadership Institute three days a month in the Bay area. He always comes back from this training upbeat and highly motivated (I can tell because he is always eager to share these cutting-edge leadership concepts with the staff).

"To ere is human, to forgive is divine." Apologies go out to **Martha Reyes**, who was misidentified in March's issue of the *Blue Line*. It was Reyes who celebrated her 40th birthday with back-to-back Luis Miguel, Jr. concerts. Congratulations, Martha, and sorry for the error.

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Welcome to the May, 2002, issue of the *Blue Line's* WLA Journal by Mary Dacey. I can't believe it's really May, can you? You know what that means, don't you? Right, it means that next month is June and the one after that is July and so on. Okay, let's move on now, shall we?! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. I think I'll go amongst the troops and get some feedback on the 3-12. I still can't believe it's really here. And who will our new chief be? And when will we know? Meanwhile, another one has returned to West L.A.! Yes, that's right...recently promoted Sgt. **Brian Gallagher** has returned to us and is most likely as happy as a clam. (I say most likely as I haven't actually seen him yet, nor has anyone else since I am writing this in March, and I also don't know how happy clams are since they can't talk...unless there is a clam out there somewhere that I don't know about. I suppose it's possible that there was once one talking clam who went around looking for someone to tell his story to...Hey, look, it's me, I'm Sam the talking clam...wait! Don't make me into chowder...I have a story to tell. I can do tricks...we could be on David Letterman doing stupid pet tricks.)

It could be known as The Hardy Boys mystery novel, "Through the Broken Glass Door"...or Fire...fire...fire...fire...fire. That's what Officers **Gimenez** and **Baca** said as they were on patrol a

couple of months ago while working the old day watch hours. Baca noticed smoke on Rochester which turned out to be a roof fire at an apartment building. The officers responded and attempted to evacuate the building when they were blocked by a locked glass door. Officer Carlos Baca decided it was time to break the door when all else failed, including pounding on the door with a fire extinguisher in the attempt to attract the attention of tenants in the building. Gimenez's baton was used to break the door. There was one woman left in the building who was talking on a cell phone. It took the officers a while to convince her to evacuate. The fire department arrived within minutes and Baca assisted them with the fire hose until reinforcements arrived. Prior to the fire department's arrival, the officers had attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher only to have it flare up again. LAFD 59 determined the cause of the fire to be a propane tank which exploded on the roof.

In addition to the return of Brian Gallagher, **P. Harris** has been promoted and will be a new sergeant from Foothill. **P3 D. Andersen** will be coming from MSD and seven P2s will be joining West L.A. They are: **C. Higuera** and **M. Oshea** from 77th, **W. Ikeda** from Communications, **T. Ward** from Devonshire, **D. Beezer** from Pacific; **R. Cortez** from VTD and **D. Martin** from Wilshire. From the academy we will have rookies **J. Cabral**, **B. Goland** and **T. Trandal**. Leaving the ranks we have P2 **R. Fobbs** heading for Pacific Division, **S. Alfonso** for STD, **T. Collins** for Southwest and **J. Yoo** for Van Nuys. As the old song goes, "I'll be seeing you in all the old familiar places..."

I recently encountered Officers **Rich Alcala** and **Thomas Lee** while they were snagging a cup of joe at Starbucks. I used the opportunity to ask them their comments regarding the 3/12 program. They both told me that it was niiiice. They looked wide awake, too! I looked in the

Watch Commander's office, the report writing room and the lunch room and

was able to get a few more opinions regarding the new hours. **Ted Ferrouillet** said that he loves it and that he has a life now! He also said that it was good the first time around, too, while he was working at both Wilshire and Pacific. An anonymous sergeant said, "It's all good." Officer "Towers" said, "It's great and the best thing that's happened to the department in over five years, but don't quote me." (haha) **Mike Moore** personally prefers the 4/10 plan which happens to be the one that he is working. **WTD Pat Smith** (formerly of WLA) said he is on the 4/10, but would like the 3/12. **Karen Shehorn** in the records unit has put her

observation skills to use and said that it seems to her that the officers are very happy and that it appears to be a good thing. She said that you can quote her on that. **Rich Aston** said that he was personally enthusiastic about the program as long as they can get enough officers to cover during the shift change. A female "Jane Doe" officer said, "It's a beautiful thing." Apparently so, from what I've garnered so far. Let's see what else I can find out. Sgt. **Craig Lally** had "no comment," but Sgt. **Nick Barbara** said, "It's good. I like it." **Alex Arredondo** referred to it as "Lovely." **Dwayne David** (Double D) said, "The 3/12 is like the sun rising in the morning, a breath of fresh air, a renewal of spring. I feel like going on." Someone said they didn't care who the

chief was going to be as long as they had the 3/12. Very interesting. Officer **Kevin Ahn** said that he liked it and that it was nice. "Heiderman" said that it was a normal life, but an all-day affair; "You get a lot of days off so it's worth it." Lt. **Eric Davis** referred to it as "wonderful, great." Speaking of wonderful and great, Lt. Davis told me that two officers cooked breakfast for a victim of elder abuse who hadn't eaten in over 24 hours. Officers



Another mystery cop from WLA enjoying last year's beach party.

Ruperto Fabros and **Robert Teter** are to be commended for their kindness and professionalism.

We also have word from Karen Shehorn of Karen's Corner regarding the latest in wrestling. It seems that the only three people left in WLA who are wrestling fanatics are Karen, **Behnke** and **Ferrouillet**. She said that *Wrestlemania* was a great success, which brought together the best wrestler of this decade (The Rock) as well as the best from the '80s (Hulk Hogan). She referred to it as a "smashing" success!

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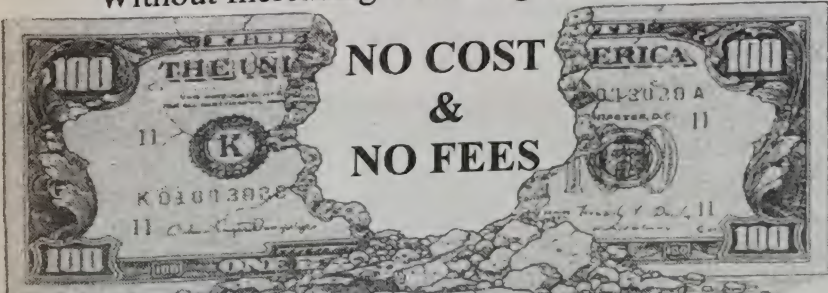
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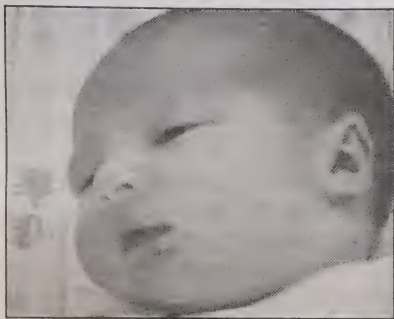
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

Return of the Stork

Another B-movie? Not quite...more babies. As we went to press last



Anthony Michael Oddo.

month, Sgt. 2 **Anthony Oddo**, Hollywood Vice, and his wife, Noelle, were awaiting the arrival of Anthony Michael Oddo. He was born March 1, 2002, at 8 lbs., 7 oz. and 20-1/4



Amada Ariana Otero.

inches. On March 13, 2002, Sgt. **Dan Hudson** and his wife, Geraldine, welcomed Riley, a healthy baby girl. Riley was born at 8 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 21 inches. Everyone is doing just fine. PIII **Anthony Otero** and his wife Araceli welcomed beautiful Amada Ariana into the world last month. I got her profile in but I missed getting her photo into the column. Apologies. Here she is this month with the rest of the crew.



Sgt. Dan Hudson, Riley, and Geraldine Hudson.

Hollywood Goes to Vegas

On March 17, **Eric Eppolito**, **Anthony Ochoa** and **Tony Im** of Hollywood PED and **Matt Garza**, North Hollywood patrol, made a pilgrimage to the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas to see the great Don



Rickles in concert. According to Eric, the show was outstanding but the highlight of the night came when Mr. Rickles learned that four LAPD officers had come all the way from the coast to see his act. He was so impressed he invited the guys backstage for a photo op. Eric, smile buddy, you're in show biz!

Speaking of...Baker to Vegas weekend is April 20-21. I hope you made your reservations early. Hollywood's team is shaping up and looks healthy. We will be sporting number 41 thanks to a strong showing last year. Gracias to the Hollywood SLOs who hosted a top notch carne asada barbecue on March 20 to raise funds for the Hollywood Running Team. Thanks also to the B-to-V Support Team whose efforts have been invaluable.

Ins, Outs and Ups

Our own **Dan Gonzalez** of SEU Gang Detail gains a stripe and heads to HARB

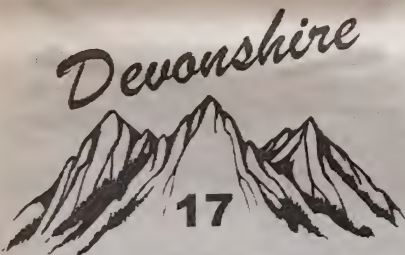
as a Sergeant **I. O. Esparza** arrives from DEV as a Sergeant **I. E. Bixler** comes in from FTHL as a Sergeant **I. too**. D-3 **P. Barron** is setting up camp in HWD OSD from DSG.

Sergeant **I. J. Gonzalez** moves next door to NE; P3 **Guy Dobine** returns to METRO after a little vacation here in HWD. P3 **Dawn Lewis** picked up a star and heads to RAMP; P2 **Rich Carlin** goes to CTD and P2 **T. Epperson** heads over the hill to Club DEV; P2s **R. Serrano** and **L. Vargas** come up from CENT; P2 **L. Lopez** arrives from WB. **J. Jedynak** comes in from WTD.

Maria Golizadeh returns to HWD from CD after being awarded a SLO position. **Chris Mezich**, acting as SLO 71 for some months, will now hold that spot full time. On hearing the news he had received the 3+1 promotion, Chris was heard to exclaim "Dude! I got the spot." **Nicole Mehringer** and **Brian Heany**, both of Hollywood SEU Gang Detail, were selected for the P3 FTO spots. Congratulations!

Parting Shot

On March 24, after a 40-year absence, the 74th annual Academy Awards, aka "the Oscars," returned to Hollywood and took up residence at the new Kodak Theater over at Hollywood and Highland. I think we had every cop in North America at that intersection. It was a great night for the city which is enjoying a robust renewal and gave Hollywood Division a chance to shine on the international stage.



by Fred Cueto
Devonshire Division

Commendable Call

Officers **P. Russell**, #21876, and **J. Lloyd**, #36014, responded to a radio call of a M/H driving a red Mercedes Benz erratically on the 118 Fwy, suspect possibly under the influence of narcotics. MDT comments further indicated that the suspect had parked in the Jack-in-the-Box parking lot and walked away from the vehicle carrying a briefcase. Upon their arrival, Russell and Lloyd ran the vehicle, which came back as a reported stolen. After searching the area for the suspect, the officers decided to

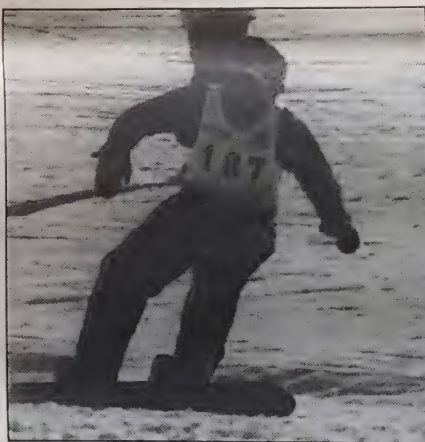
conduct surveillance in case the suspect returned.

Approximately 10 minutes later, the suspect returned to the location. Tactically deploying on the suspect, the suspect was taken into custody. Officers **J. Cook**, #21413, and **G. Colon**, #21413, arrived on scene and assisted with the investigation. A field show-up verified that the suspect in custody was the individual observed driving the vehicle.

When asked if he had any weapons, the suspect stated that he had brass knuckles in the briefcase. Upon further investigation, the officers recovered approximately 14g of meth and discovered that the suspect was wanted for a previous GTA, was wanted by the Sheriff's Department for cutting off his house arrest ankle bracelet, and he had two outstanding warrants, including a No Bail warrant. Officers Russell and Lloyd booked the suspect for Grand Theft Auto and the two warrants. Good job, guys!

Ski LAPD

The LAPD Ski Team recently concluded their ski season with three major events—the Canadian Police



M. Guttilla #32456 of the LAPD Ski Team.

Alpine Ski Championship, the California Police/Fire Winter Olympics, and the North American Police Ski Championships. Members of the team include P-3 **T. J. Azevedo**, #33005, P-3 **M. Braun**, #27025, and P-2 **M. Guttilla**, #32456. Azevedo, a new team member, worked his way into the Expert Group and Guttilla won several of the snowboarding events. Braun twice won the fastest male skier award and was on his way to the overall top skier at the North American Police Ski Championships, until he crashed into the safety net during the Super-G. An excellent effort by all of you! Good luck next season!

In-N-Out

Incoming: Sgt. **I. B. Lium**, #32466, P-2 **R. Jester**, #20008 from your IOD... You were missed! **J. Flores**, #30658, P-2 **C. Reuser**,

#36324, P-2 **R. Morales**, #27944, P-2 **K. Wong**, #34901, and P-1 **E. Rosin**, #36061.

Outgoing: P-2 **K. Merrill**, #25814, to Northeast; P-2 **J. Campbell**, #35788, to Rampart; and P-2 **T. Ward**, #23401.



LAPD Ski Team member M. Braun #27025 during recent competition.

Congratulations to **Debbie Esparza**, #30549, who was promoted to Sgt. I and is on her way to Hollywood Division.

Welcome back P-3 **V. Tortorici**,



P-3 **J. Gomperz** #32646, P-2 **R. Casimiro** #35536, and P-2 **R. Villalobos** #35078 prepare for another evening of Devonshire Patrol.

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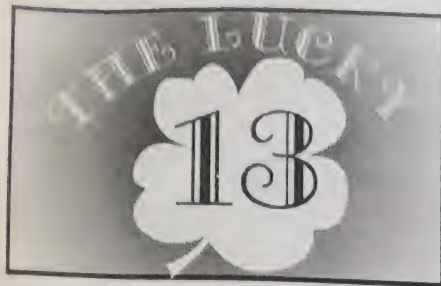
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by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Commendable Capers

On March 21, at approximately 1450 hours, Officers **G. Reyes** and **M. Stewart** working Unit 13A93, were handling a station call at 250 West 69th Street, when two male juveniles ran up to the police vehicle. One of the juveniles began yelling that a young baby was choking at 244 West 69th Street. Officers Reyes and Stewart exited their police vehicle and observed a Hispanic female crying and yelling while holding a young baby. The officers immediately ran over to the female and observed that the baby was not breathing and that some fluid was coming from the baby's mouth. Officer Reyes grabbed the baby from the mother and began the "Heimlich" maneuver. After a few compressions, the baby began breathing on her own while continuing to vomit fluids. After a few more minutes, the baby's breathing improved, but she continued to wheeze and experience breathing problems.

Officer Stewart requested an ambulance while Officer Reyes continued with the compressions. Prior to the arrival of the ambulance, the baby vomited again, but this time the fluid contained blood. It was apparent to the officers that the baby had some object lodged in her throat. Officer Reyes continued with the compressions causing the object to dislodge. Once the baby began breathing on her own, she calmed down, as did her mother. The ambulance arrived, immediately evaluated the baby, and then released her to the mother.

Needless to say, everyone was very happy with the outcome and the mother thanked the officers for their lifesaving efforts. Great job, Mimo and Stewart!

Morale Boosters

Officers **J. Grasso** and **J. Arenas** were on directed patrol when they noticed suspicious activity inside a Winchell's donut shop (*heaven forbid*). They observed a black male suspect standing behind the counter alongside a frightened-looking store clerk. They also saw a black female suspect sitting on one of the bench seats

inside the store. As the officers exited their vehicle, the female suspect attempted to exit the business. The male suspect ran toward the back of the store, out of sight. While officers detained the female suspect, a request for backup and an airship were made. The officers then deployed on the corners of the store in anticipation of the male suspect attempting to flee from the location. The suspect did, in fact, attempt to open the rear door and run, but upon seeing officers he went back inside. A short time later, two black male suspects came running out of the rear door. A foot pursuit ensued and the officers set up a perimeter to contain the suspects. Officers **R. Humphries** and **J. Broussard** assisting on the perimeter, spotted two black male suspects, sweating and breathing hard trying to hide some of their clothing. The two were detained. A field show-up was conducted and the witness positively identified the two individuals as the suspects who had attempted to rob her.

I guess these bandits forgot there are a few of us who still hang out at Winchell's. Great observations, Grasso and Arenas.

On March 9, several gang members committed an armed robbery of a liquor store at 4307 South Avalon Blvd. SEU Officers **Banuelos**, **Bracht** and **Arelano** viewed a videotape of the crime and immediately recognized the suspects as "Krazy Ass Bagos" gang members. The officers had had contact with the same suspects approximately one week earlier. SEU officers worked with Newton robbery detectives and identified all of the wanted suspects.

On March 15, Officers Banuelos, Bracht, **Golden**, and **Benavides** were in court on an attempted murder case involving "Krazy Ass Bagos" gang members. Numerous "Krazy Ass Bagos" gang members were in the court building (I guess to support their gangster buddies). The SEU officers immediately recognized two of the robbery suspects wanted in connection with the liquor store robbery and arrested them for robbery.

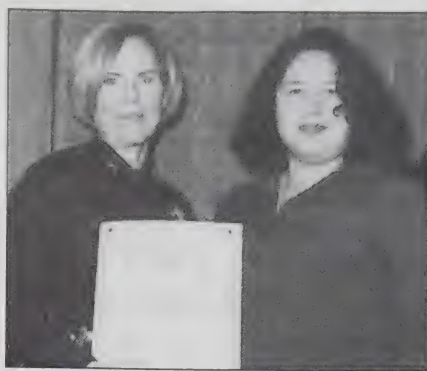
A third suspect was identified and was residing at 3775 South St. Andrews Place. SEU officers conducted a follow-up investigation to the residence. He was located and arrested for robbery.

Great heads up work SEU!

OCB's Employees of the Year

In March, Operations-Central Bureau hosted their annual Employee of the Year luncheon honoring the top employees in the Bureau. Newton's own Robert Humphries took top honors as OCB's Officer of the Year.

Newton's **Adrianna Rodriguez** was



Adrianna accepting her award.



Dan accepting his award.



Kellie accepting his award.

honored as Newton's Civilian Employee of the Year (for all the work she does, she should have gone all the way). Also honored were **Kellie Baitz** as Newton's Detective of the Year and **Dan Putz** as Newton's Sergeant of the Year.

Joshua Campos Does it Again

On March 9th and 10th, Det. **Todd Campos**'s son Joshua won the AAU National Championships in the Dead Lifting Division. And smashed his own world record of 113 pounds, setting a new American record with a lift of 132-

1/4 pounds. Because of his bodyweight (60 lbs.) and age (6 years old), he won the Best Lifter Award for the entire Men's Dead Lifting Division, including a 30-year-old Super Heavyweight lifting over 700 lbs. Doing the math used to



Joshua's loot.

determine the best lifter, Josh's lift equated at approximately 1,100 lbs. Wow, that's over a half a ton.

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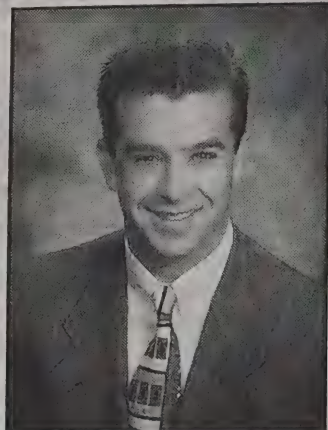
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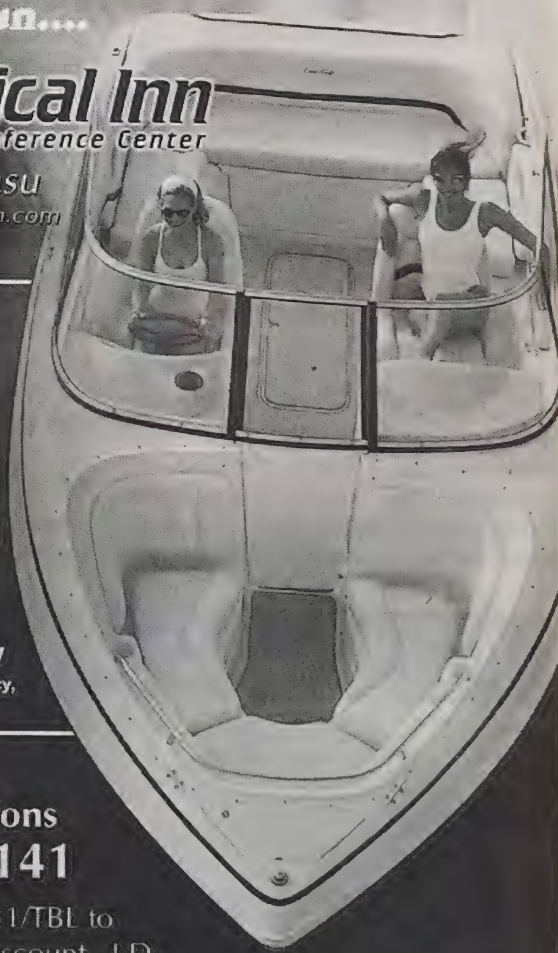
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

March Madness

Due to all the madness in March, I was not able to write the article for the April issue. For that, I apologize! But hopefully, this one will make up for it!

Pacific Area Basketball Team Douses the Competition

Congratulations goes out to the Pacific Area Basketball Team who is the 2001 "C" League champions. This year's team roster included: Coach **Julius Levy**, Team Captain **Rich Householder**, **R. Guevara**, **Eddie Yoon**, **Don Ornelas**, **Michael Rex**, **A. Smith**, **Ross Hay**, **Greg Jacobus**, **David Dalzell**, and **Mike Carodine**. The team's regular season record was 5-2, with only one loss in the double-elimination playoffs. Three key victories included their games against Hollywood, Transit, and the fire they put out when they doused Internal Affairs. They defeated Northeast Area

68-65 to win the championship and take the title! Congratulations again, on a job well done! We'll be looking forward to another great season next year.

Teamwork Results in Arrest of ADW Suspect

In February, Pacific Area Officers responded to an "ADW-shots fired" call. Officer **Dennis Beacham** located the victim, whose vehicle was shot up by the suspects, but the suspects were GOA. Beacham put out a crime broadcast, while Officers **Nicholas Sysak** and **Jesse Audelo** recovered several spent 9mm casings. About 1-1/2 hours later, WLA Officers **Victor Gurrola** and **Scott Nakasone** responded to a call regarding 415 activity in front of a residence. When the officers arrived at the location, they observed a spent 9mm casing on the dash of the suspect's vehicle. Remembering the crime broadcast they heard earlier, they contacted Sysak and Audelo who transported the witnesses (of the shooting) to the current location of the "possible" suspects for a field show up. The suspects were then positively identified as the "shooter" and the "driver" of the vehicle. The other two suspects "rolled over" on their friends, providing incriminating statements against them. Four addition spent casings were recovered from the suspect's vehicle, which were later determined to match the casing originally recovered at the shooting scene. Three suspects were arrested and identified as belonging to

"CLF" gang. "Criminals for Life" All the officers involved should be commended for their initiative, attention to duty, and teamwork in the apprehension of three ADW (with gun) suspects! Great job!

LAX Officers, Repetitive, Repetitive, Repetitive Job

I just wanted to pay a quick tribute to the LAX Detail Officers for the timeless, repetitive work they all do at the airport. There have been many, many occasions when certain terminals have been shut down for one reason or another. It is a difficult, thankless job, which no one really appreciates, especially when it's a false alarm. Although most of the evacuations end as false alarms, I wanted you all to know how much we really do appreciate everything you do out there. So, keep up the good work, and stay safe.

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently promoted: Sgt. **II Kara Silverstein** who is now assigned to IAG, Sgt. **Michelle Loomis** who went to RAMP, and P3 **Derek Brown** who went to MSD.

Movin' Out

We say a solemn goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific. Sgt. **Brian Whitten** who wheeled to HARB (we're gonna miss ya 'round here!!), Sgt. **Jeff Stahl** who went to DEV, Sgt. **Steve Gottschalk** who went to VNYS, Officers **Carranza**, **Jacobus** & **Noggle** who all went to HARB, Officer **Perez** who went to TBD, Officer

Lyle Knight who is finally assigned to CAS (now you can have someone THINK get your TEAMS for you smile). Officer **Reuser** who went to DEV, Officer **McReady** who went to HARB, Officer **Adam** who went to VNYS, and last (but not least) my buddy **Donovan Beezer**, who after all these years left the beach of Pacific for the miz of WLA. We're going to miss your antics, your charm, and your laugh! Hope the grass is greener.

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific: Sgt. **Deming** from IAG, Sgt. **Lormans** from MSD, Sgt. **Reina** from WIL, Sgt. **Landsman** from HARB, Sgt. **Nakamura** in from WVAL, Sgt. **Rich Parks** (back) from 77th, Sgt. **Merlo** over (to LAX) from WIL, Officer **John Long** in (to LAX K9) from CRS (congratulations!), Officer **Sasaki** in from WVAL, Officer **Eppenger-Cambelt** over from SE, Officer **Seviane** in from 77th, Officer **Cortez** over from COMM, Officer **Erhardt** in from VNYS, Officer **Fobbs** over from WLA, Officer **Williams** in (to LAX) from TRD, Officer **Arellano** in (to LAX) from WTD, and three new recruits from TRNG—**Aguinaga**, **Rainapala** and **Wortman**. Welcome to you all!!

Upcoming Events for May

Just a reminder for you all not to forget Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th! Also, Memorial weekend is the 25th, 27th this year. Have fun and be safe! And, if anybody cares, my birthday is on the 31st! Don't party too hard!!

1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

Commendable Capers

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002, Officer **Koreen** and Officer **Rudy Ramirez** were responding to a radio call involving a "drive-by shots fired" from one car into another at 1540 N. Alvarado Street. While en route, the officers observed the suspects' car and followed it into a parking lot. Two suspects were taken into custody without incident. The suspects were detained for the drive-by ADW. During the investigation, the officers determined the suspects were possibly responsible for an earlier armed robbery involving two victims in the Echo Park area. Using photographic "six-packs," the officers were able to connect one of the suspects

to the robbery. The second suspect, wearing the victim's watch at the time of arrest, was also connected to the crime. Both officers are commended for their observation skills and excellent investigation skills.

Employees of the Year

Officer "Super Cop" **Teri Utley** received the award of Officer of the Year, Sgt. **Reggie McCool** received Sergeant of the Year (and then left us). Det. **Theodore Jones** received Detective of the Year. sVolunteer **Klaus Glaser**, aka Klaus dogs, received the award for Volunteer of the Year. Civilian employee **Salli Jo Doud** received not only the Northeast Employee of the Year award, but also the Central Bureau Award. Congratulations to you all.

Sports

At Northeast we have many officers that are very athletic and every so often they stand out showing their expertise to all. Many of our officers are treated poorly in an unjust 1.28 and BOI system. Surprisingly enough, there are still some that still stand out and represent the Department with their skills.

During March 11-16, Officer **Rick Conrado** competed in the Fire/Police

Olympics, held in Mammoth. Rick, competing in the Expert Division, won the Gold medal in the Super-G, the Silver medal in the Giant Slalom, and the



Officer Rick Conrado, making the Gold in Mammoth.

Bronze medal in the Slalom. Rick continued on to the North American Police Ski Championship in Aspen, Snowmass, Colorado, held March 17-22. Rick had the second fastest time in the opening, next to LAPD's **Mike Braun**. Again, Rick competed in the Expert Class. He received the Gold in Slalom, Super Slalom and Super-G.

Sources informed me that Rick had a great time while he was away competing, yet he missed his true love while he was gone. Officer **Puchi** also seemed sad without Rick. (Yes, Veronica received a lot of flowers in his absence.)

Coming and Going

Sgt. **McCool** is leaving Northeast to bigger and better 1.28s at IAG. Sgt. "recap" **Marcey** is off to—where else—

CTD. Sgt. **Grant** is off to Rampart and Det. **Kalyn** is now playing the roll of a sergeant in West Valley. Det. **Meda** moved on to Van Nuys, and Officer **Nam** left us to go back to Metro. Just nod if you see him. Officer **Joel Flores** couldn't handle working with Kenny anymore and missed Gab too much; he went to join Gab in Devonshire. Senior Clerk Typist **Pappas**

left us to MSD. Wheeling out is Officer "J-Lo" **Carrillo** to Foothill, Officer **Wit** to Transit Rail, and Officer **Steffensen** to West Valley. Good luck to you all in your careers.

Sgt. **Walker** is coming to us from Foothill along with Sgt. **Gonzalez** from Hollywood, Sgt. **Marrufo** from Southwest and Sgt. **Gordon** from West Valley. Officer **Chavez** and Officer **Hurd** are coming from Communications. Officer **Merrill** is coming from Devonshire and Officer **Siguenas** is from Van Nuys. Fresh from the academy are Officer **Liechty** and Officer **Moreno**. Welcome to Northeast!

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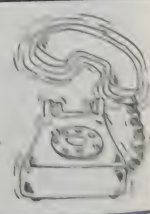
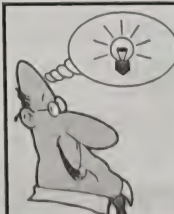
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WASHINGTON, D.C. ACTIVITIES MAY 13-16, 2002

National Police Week is always the calendar week in which May 15th, National Peace Officers Memorial Day, falls. The **14th Annual Candlelight Vigil** will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on **Monday, May 13, 2002**. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required. For more information, see below or call 202-737-3400.

May 10, 2002 (Friday)

8th Annual Blue Mass

Noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church
10th & G Streets, NW
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May 11, 2002 (Saturday)

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All proceeds from this event go to the
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May 12, 2002 (Sunday)

7th Annual Law Ride

Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. in Lot 8 of
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The procession will leave RFK
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Memorial, located on the 400 Block of
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May 13, 2002 (Monday)

14th Annual Candlelight Vigil National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

8:00 p.m. at the 400 block of E Street,
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welcome. It is advised that anyone
attending take the Metro Red Line to
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May 14, 2002 (Tuesday)

National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars

Concerns of Police Survivors
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Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (for-
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May 15, 2002 (Wednesday)

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Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police
Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police
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Noon.

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony

National Law Enforcement Officers
Memorial
400 Block of E Street, NW
3:30 p.m.

May 16, 2002 (Thursday)

National Police Survivors' Seminars Concerns of Police Survivors

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merly the Radisson Plaza Hotel at
Mark Center)
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Located in Washington, D.C., the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial recognizes fallen officers from all branches of law enforcement. The marble walls of the Memorial currently bear the names of over 15,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.



Four Hundred Seventy-eight Officers to be Added to the National Memorial

Please visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Web site at <http://www.nleomf.com> for a list of the 478 fallen officers who will be added to the Memorial at the Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2002.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund would like to again extend an invitation for you to join us at the Candle Vigil ceremony and for all the activities surrounding National Police Week (May 13-16). To learn more about the Candlelight Vigil or National Police Week, please visit <http://www.nleomf.com> and click on "National Police Week."

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Friday, May 3, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
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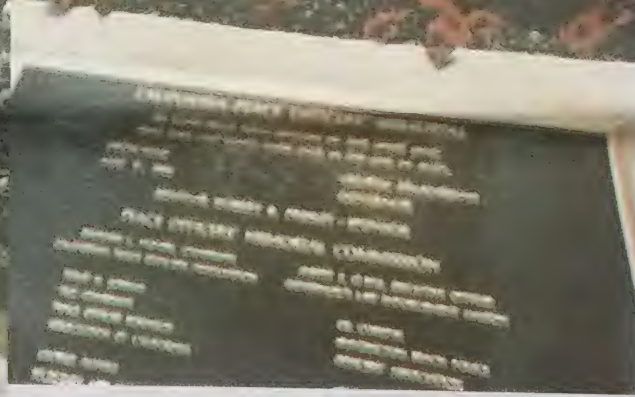
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OUTDOOR CEREMONY

Friday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.
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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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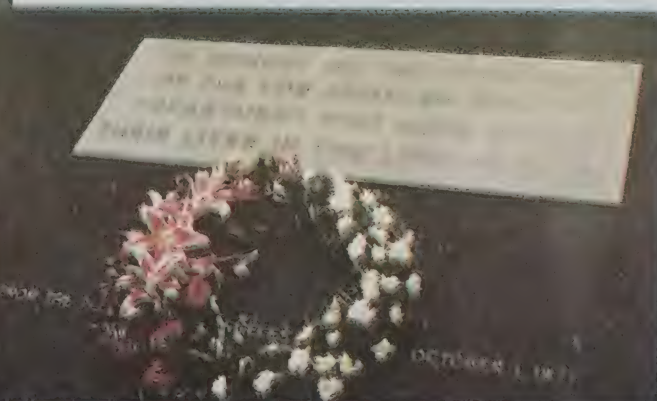
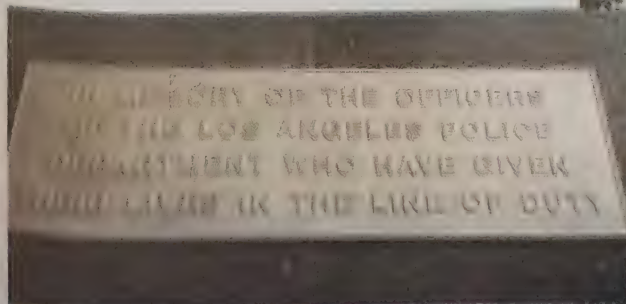
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HARBOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

by Rachel Ramirez, #27441

Last year the idea to create a memorial honoring Harbor officers killed in the line of duty was thought of, and the formation of a Memorial Garden began thanks to the efforts of the Harbor Training Unit officers, Sgt. 2 William "Bill" Forman, P-3 Herb Cirilo and P-3 Art Duran. The Memorial Garden was completed September, 2001, with a dedication ceremony taking place on December 14, 2001. Several family members of fallen officers Robert Mata and Robert Sweet attended the ceremony, as did many current

LASO Deputy Holly Mata, wife of Robert Mata, thanks P-3 Herb Cirilo for his involved efforts with the Memorial Garden.



Harbor Training Unit officers and Shirley Sweet Davis, widow of Robert Sweet, and family.

Harbor officers, their families, and friends.

The Memorial Garden is beautifully arranged, with a large mural of a police "angel" walking in heaven, a black granite plaque listing the names of the fallen officers, hanging potted plants, flowers, palms, ferns, and sitting benches for everyone to enjoy. P-3 Herb Cirilo, the mural's artist, states "the memorial is for our officers, for them to spend a little quiet time and reflect." So, next time you are in the Harbor, please stop by and enjoy our beautiful little corner, while paying tribute to those who have passed on before us.



The beautiful Harbor Memorial Garden.

Honored Officers

LAPD Harbor Division officers killed in the line of duty:

Herbert Klade, shot and killed Feb. 8, 1926, by a mentally disturbed suspect.
John Wicks, shot and killed March 23, 1927, responding to a domestic dispute.
Alfred Madon, killed June 16, 1935, in a motorcycle accident.
Glenn Clark, killed July 8, 1950, in a motorcycle accident.
John E. Dunphy, killed June 22, 1954, in a motorcycle accident.
Robert Sweet, killed Dec. 26, 1959, in a motorcycle accident.
Robert Mata, killed Sept. 19, 2000, in an automobile accident.



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Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Inspection Blues

We had our BIG Divisional Inspection



Harbor PM watch crew standing pretty for pictures.

on March 22, and boy, oh boy, everyone was dressed up with long sleeves and covers, looking pretty, looking sharp. There were newly trimmed haircuts, new uniforms, polished shoes, and Sam Brownes. Cameras were clicking everywhere! Sgt. 2 Mike Porter was designated to give the commands to make the ranks look sharp. "Whoouush!" Everyone was standing tall and proud, and all you could hear was the cool ocean breezes blow by, with the occasional honking horn as a truck passed the station on the freeway. The inspection party was about to finish its duty and we were in the home stretch, one last squad to inspect. The command to "return arms" was given, the gun frames all slid back in sync, there were a few seconds of leather noises as weapons found their way into their holsters, and one loud "KLINK" on the deck. What the heck was that?

After a brief photo session and a change down to casual clothes, we all headed over to the Harbor Range for some training updates and a steak fry. During the training session, several officers were awarded for their efforts and achievements. P-3 Randy Childs was recognized for 31 years of service without any sick days; P-1 Candice Candelaria was recognized for being

number one in her recruit class for tactics and report writing; Sgt. 2 Michael Porter was named Supervisor of the Year; Det. 1 Ernie Jones was named Detective of the Year; P-3 Jeri Snell was named Officer of the Year; my bud PSR Kris Petrish was named Civilian of the Year; and a newly added category named the very dapper, very nice Mr. Carl Tank as Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations and salutations! Ooops! I almost forgot one last award as presented by Harbor-OSD Capt. 1 Andy Smith. This year's "Butterfinger" award went to Det. 3 Charles "Freeway Therapy" Markel.

And, of course, what would a steak fry be without juicy barbecued steaks and chicken, courtesy of the Harbor Range boys, Sgt. 1 Jimmy Smalling, P-3 Jimmy Bess, P-2 John Caraveo, P-2 Michael Maloy and his wife Joyce, civilian workers Richard Austin and Victor Rocha. In a word, gentlemen, it was YUMMY!! Also included in the day's events was a game or two of horseshoes and a pumpkin ball baseball game. The lineup was Patrol vs. Detectives and somehow Detectives managed to pull off a winner, again!

Ins and Outs and Ups

Alrighty then, DP #4 Transfer Order came out and here are the results: Moving up and out of the Harbor to bigger and better things was P-3+1 Randy Barr, who is now a shiny new Sergeant at Central Division (I'm gonna miss ya' big brother. Tell Linda "Hey" for me); likewise for P-3+1 Daniel Galindo,



PSR Debbie Paiz, Capt. 1 Andy Smith, and Sr. Clerk Typist Jennifer Ramclam looking good for inspection.

now a Sergeant at Rampart Division, and P-3 Brian Gallagher now a Sergeant at West L.A. Division. The big jump came for the very nice and very cool Sgt. 1 Kathlene Matthews, who



Harbor Division standing tall during inspection.

made Sgt. 2 in IAG. Two more "outties" that left the Harbor are Sgt. 1 Jon Mays, now at 77th Division, and P-2 Norma Zamora who was on loan, but is now at Resource Management Group for keeps. The incoming list was rather small, with a BIG welcome to Sgt. 1 Brian Whitten from Pacific Division; P-2 Luis Navarrete from 77th Division; P-2 Zach McCready from LAX;

fresh from the Academy were P-1 Manuel Chavez, P-1 Jeronimo Gil, and P-1 Jeffrey Lovick. One last farewell goes out to my good friend Senior PSR Iona Williams, who left us to gain some new experience working the offices of Operations South Bureau. Hey lady, I'm gonna miss you for sure. It was fun exchanging ideas and thoughts. Congratulations and best of luck to each and every one of you.



Harbor AM watch crew striking a pose and trying to stay awake.

In Closing

A big "thank you" to all these folks who've provided photos for my articles, past, present, and future: P-2 Kim Delosh, P-2 Frank Bancalari, P-2 Sonny Patsenhann, Sgt. 2 Kathlene Matthews, Sr. Clerk Typist Jennifer Ramclam, and Civilian Volunteer Carl Tank. Until next time, be smart, be sound, be safe, and keep on dancing!

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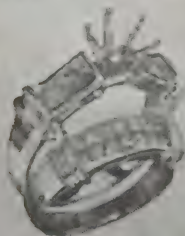


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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Not Ho news

by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Division

Retirement Extravaganza

A retirement party to end all retirement parties is in the works. North Hollywood's very own Sgt. II Robert "Big O" Ontiveros, #13583, will be honored on Friday, June 21, at the



Sgt. Bob Ontiveros always handsome and ready to retire...

Encino Glen in Van Nuys. Cocktail hour is 1700, with dinner starting at 1800 hours. Tickets are \$27 and can be purchased from Joane Bryant, North Hollywood Analytical, (818) 623-4099.

Lifesaving Heroics

On March 26, at 1000 hours, Officers Anthony Fletcher, #33666, Arturo Hernandez, #33149, and Mike Jensen, #17648, responded to an unknown trouble call in the 12300 block of Covello Street. Upon arrival, the officers discovered an 82-year-old male victim, who was unconscious and not breathing. The victim's wife was on the phone with LAFD, who advised a five-minute ETA. LAFD requested LAPD officers to perform CPR on the victim, pending the arrival of medical personnel. Officers

Fletcher and Hernandez administered CPR until paramedics arrived. It was determined that the victim's pulse had returned, and he was transported to Kaiser Panorama City. We recognize these officers for their quick response, and involvement in this medical emergency. Well done!

Jerry Theaker Awarded Officer of the Month

Congratulations to Officer Jerry Theaker, #16234, our Officer of the Month for April, 2002. Jerry is a multi-faceted officer, with a history of quality investigations in latent prints. He can always be counted on as our area's "historian," lending his talents in photography to our golf tournaments, banquets,

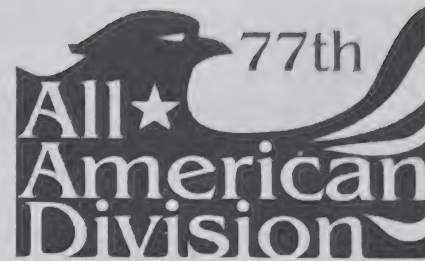


Jerry Theaker "Officer of the Month."

and retirements. If you worked the DNC, you may have ridden on "Jerry's bus." Currently, Jerry is making his reappearance in patrol, providing training for recent academy graduates. Congratulations, Jerry, and thank you for everything you do for us.

John Weitzel Says Goodbye After 31 Years

Equipment Mechanic John Weitzel has set his retirement sights for May 17th. John has worked the North Hollywood garage for his entire career. Throughout his 31 years, he's never called in sick, and could always be counted on to assist his fellow employees. His retirement plans include trap shooting at Lopez Canyon, and restoring his '66 Mustang (as soon as he gets his garage cleaned up). Best wishes for a long and happy retirement. ♦



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

77th F.E.S. Making the Difference

Our divisional F.E.S. Unit has made some outstanding arrests in the past few months. One commendable incident involved some undercover surveillance at 1649 W. 56th Street. During the surveillance the officers observed narcotics activity being conducted at the location. The main suspect who is an ex-con (55 Neighborhood Crip) was arrested. The service of a warrant at the residence resulted in confiscating two rifles, one shotgun and three handguns. Keep up the great work, guys, and thanks for your help!

It Is All Gang Related

77th has seen a tremendous increase in gang violence. It is being compared to the violence that we experienced in the early 1990s. Various gang feuds mostly involving Crip gangs are primarily involved. We would like to thank our sister S.E.U. Units from Central, Southeast and Harbor for coming over and assisting us on occasion. We also have three platoons of Metro visiting our house. We sincerely appreciate all of your hard efforts and quality arrests you guys are making over here when visiting.

We can't forget South Bureau Homicide Detectives either. We've had Harbor, Southeast, Southwest Detectives and even Robbery-Homicide Division in the house handling the numerous 187s we are experiencing. Yes, indeed, we are very busy! Wanta come play? We do not have a waiting list to get into 77th Street. Now that is a first!

Reserve Officer of the Year

On March 16, 2002, our very own Reverend Robins was selected as the Operations South Bureau Reserve Officer of the Year. Congratulations, M'am! She was honored at a banquet at the New Otani Hotel.

Home of Champions

On March 22 and March 28, a couple of historic sporting events took place! On March 22nd, the bench press team won

unprecedented 13 victories in a row, no other LAPRAAC team has come close to that winning record. On March 28, our basketball team won the LAPRAAC basketball championship. Although this has been their first this decade, more championships are in the offing for this young team. DARE has been the champions for the last four years. Leading scorers for 77th were Jeff von Lutzow, #34375, and Perry Griffith, #27126. This is the first time basketball and weightlifting teams from the same division have the championship.

S.E.U. Sergeants Set the Example

On March 23rd, SEU Sergeants John Radtke, #26759, and Pete Zarcone, #26271, observed a white Ford Taurus with tinted windows. This was a described vehicle used in a series of murders and shootings on March 11th. The supervisors conducted an investigative stop and two occupants were detained. A check of the passenger compartment revealed a loaded Tech-9 Assault Pistol on the floorboard of the driver's side.

One suspect attempted to escape but was caught shortly thereafter by responding S.E.U. Units. The murder investigation is ongoing.

This is just one example of the outstanding work that our Gang Unit is responsible for. They are a diligent unit who takes their gang issues seriously. Officers Steve Burciaga, #27372, Grace Garcia, #33328, Cliff Chu, #33547, Officer Greg Martin, #34477, Officer Matt Cundiff, #31349, Officer David Ross, #33632, Officer Carlos Gonzales, #30428, Andrew Parades, #33349, Officer Jesse Reyes, #32700, and Art Talamante, #32035. Kudos to all of you for the outstanding job you do in 77th Street!

Welcome to the Family

77th Street welcomes brand new lieutenant Anne Marie Clark, #25030, Officers Matt Bakotich, #35505, Helen Jaramillo, #34708, Maggie Sherman, #33877, Brian Coleman, #34628, Wesley Lin, #36045, Ricardo Lizarraga, #36046, Eric MacLennan, #36049, and Saul Zesait, #36070. We hope you stay awhile. 77th Street can be a fun place to work and there is no doubt you will learn just about everything here!

Well, that is about it for now. Don't forget to get your checks in for the reunion that is coming up in June. It will be good to see everyone again.

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Nate Banry
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

Congratulations go out to Officer of the Quarter, **Nicholas Nemecek**; Civilian of the Quarter, **Rebecca Buchak**; Sergeant of the Quarter, **Ann Pickering**; and Detective of the Quarter, **Mark Sommer**.

Officers from Van Nuys Division hosted the "CODE READ" program at Sylvan Street School. Code READ stands for "Reading and Enforcement and Development." The slogan of the program is, "COPS and kids reading together, enforces a trend that lasts forever." Code READ is designed to encourage children to make reading part of their lives. Officers purchased designated books for \$5, added personalized notes of encouragement to each student on the inside cover of the books and then presented the books to the students. In addition to the personalized book, the entire first grade class received a "class" book. Officers **Mike Amado**, **Kelly Edwards**, **Moises Ramirez**, Det. **Kimberly Jones** and Sgt. **Paul Anderson** all took turns reading the first

chapter of the "class book" to the first graders. The teacher will continue reading up to the last chapter. An officer will then return to the school and read the last chapter of the "class book" to the children.

Det. **Phil Morritt** has chosen to "get his motor running" and "get out on the highway" since we have credible witnesses that he was sighted in the Van Nuys Harley Davidson Motorcycle shop sitting on a 2002 Harley Davidson Road King. Apparently, his affinity to "Ducati" motorcycles has waned and not met his needs. The thrill of owning a Harley is contagious at Van Nuys OSD and Phil has fallen prey to the epidemic.

Who's that walking along the Sepulveda corridor? It's the Senior Lead Officers, that's who! The Van Nuys Senior Lead Officers, **L. Lozano**, **N. Banry**, **J. Bergmann**, **R. Carter**, **G. Aguilar**, **T. Berry**, **J. Verdin**, **D. Davis**, **A. Cabunoc**, **J. Flores** (wearing covers might I add) have been walking a foot-beat once a week providing high police presence along Sepulveda Blvd. to detour prostitution in the area. Since the Senior Lead Officers have been doing this, they have made a significant positive impact on prostitution in the Van Nuys Division.

Copper Capers

Officers **Davis**, #32256, and **Haines**, #32853, responded to a radio call involving a residential burglary that occurred approximately 30 minutes prior. After taking a crime report for the victim, the officers searched the area for a male

transient that the victim described as a suspect, who she confronted in her garage on a prior occasion. Officers drove to a location frequented by transients and found a transient matching the suspect's description. Conducting a consensual search and pat-down, the officers discovered jewelry items matching those just reported as stolen by the victim. In addition to the stolen property, officers seized narcotics found in his clothing. The victim was contacted and responded to the location, positively identifying the stolen goods. Excellent work!

Baby News

Senior Lead Officer **Nate Banry** is a proud daddy to his third little girl, **Maryn Georgia Banry**, who was born on January 25, 2002. Maryn weighed



Maryn Banry.

9 lbs. and was 20-1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Congratulations to Det. **Felicia Crockett** and her husband on the birth of **Brandon Alexander Crockett** born on March 28, 2002, weighing in at 6 lbs., 5 oz. and 19-1/2 inches long.

Officer **Jennifer Poepeke** had a little boy, **Alexander Seth Poepeke**, born on February 10, 2002, weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz. and 19-1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Baker to Vegas

Van Nuys Division and Valley Traffic Division are once again running together for the Baker to Vegas competition. Be sure to look out for us!

Van Nuys Coming-N-Going!

Coming in: Sgt. **I A. Parga**, #26411; Sgt. **I W. Kelly**, #30052; Det. **II M. Slider**, #25590; Det. **I Y. Packer**, #25244; Det. **I B. Meda**, #27715; Det. **I V. Lim**, #30780; P3 **A. Schnieder**, #32410; P2 **M. Hammett**, #34278; P2 **C. Adam**, #35781; P2 **T. Rodda**, #33501; P2 **J. Yoo**, #35837; P1 **E. Sheklow**, #36063; P1 **A. Urrutia**, #36066.

Leaving: Sgt. **I B. Lium**, #32465 (to Devonshire); Sgt. **II A. Balter**, #27185 (to IAG); Sgt. **I B. Lewis**, #20372 (to Transit Bus Division); Det. **I S. Calderon**, #27655 (to West Valley); P3 **H. Gahry**, #31089 (to Hollywood); P2 **B. Coleman**, #34628 (to 77th); P2 **M. Ferrist**, #35801 (to Communications); P2 **A. Siguenas**, #33808 (to Northeast); P2 **H. Erhardt**, #34738 (to Pacific).



Transit Rail Division

Let's kick this thing off with the arrival of one of the toughest angels in the LAPD family. **Sarina Elizabeth Ross** was born March 4, 2002 at 2320. She was early and weighed in at only 1 lb., 7 oz., was 12.5 inches long and scared everyone with how tiny she was. She's a fighter though, and she's growing and getting stronger every day! She is now a whopping 2 lbs., 8 oz. What courage she has. All of our prayers are with her, her mother, **Sheryl Ross**, and her father, Officer **Steve Ross**, #25445. We can't wait to spoil her.

Officer **Rennick Brown**, #35437, and Officer **Art Contreras**, #31645, are back, much to everyone's relief. A nasty

traffic collision laid them low for a while.

The Explorers at TRSG are now 31 strong. Wow, that is just amazing and a pat on the back to the Community Relations Unit consisting of: Officer **Connie Guerrero**, #31295, Officer **Maury Winet**, #34204, and Sgt. **Paul Partridge**, #21108. The unit will soon need another P-III to handle the volume of kids registering to join the unit. We are still waiting to see the pictures from the adult only Mesa, Arizona, Youth Service Officer Conference they attended.

The Academy Awards was a big success. Even the media was giving our guys and girls a well deserved pat on the back. The sheer volume of people and traffic to Hollywood and Highland was a big challenge, and we were up for it!

Welcome to new officers in: P-IIs **Wheeler**, #35810, and **Kim**, #35834, both from Central; **Witt**, #35835, from NE; **Alonzo**, #31031, from TBD; and Sgt. **Kim**, #24986, from FTHL. Hope you all enjoy your tour. We're losing **Williams**, #33886, to LAX (Sgt. **Akune's** siren song is luring our officers away), and **Olsey**, #35274, to FTHL. Good luck, George. We'll miss you. ❖

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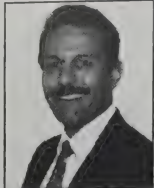
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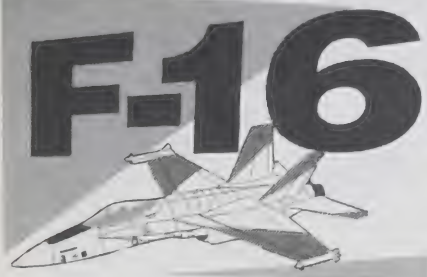
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On January 12, 2002, Officers **Clarke**, #33595, and **Knop**, #32094, received information in roll call of a wanted armed robbery suspect in the Foothill Area. The suspect, Jose Matamoros, was believed responsible for numerous armed robberies in the Foothill and North Hollywood Area.

Officers met with Robbery Detectives and obtained intelligence on the suspect. Officers also learned that the suspect had not been to his home in several weeks. The suspect continued to strike local video stores in Foothill area. Officers believed that the suspect still lived in the area. Officers decided to check motels along the San Fernando corridor. Knowing that the Emerson Motel was a notorious hangout for local drug dealers and parolees, the officers started their search. The officers showed the motel clerk a booking photo of the suspect and the clerk immediately identified him as being the occupant of room #301. The registration card for the room confirmed the same.

The officers formulated a plan and safely took the suspect into custody without incident. The officers also recovered a handgun, which was likely used by the suspect during the robberies. Foothill Robbery Detectives subsequently filed eight counts of armed robbery on the suspect. Officers are to be commended for their tenacity, attention to duty, observation skills, investigative skills and dedication to reducing the incidence of crime in the Foothill area.

Foothill Detectives

On February 22, 2002, at 1330 hours, Officers **Wesbrook**, #33645, and **Cummings**, #33600, assigned Foothill

Detectives, working receiver team, heard the crimes broadcast of an ADW, shot fired at 8730 Lankershim Blvd. at the Texaco truck stop. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, blk bro. 5'5", 200 pounds, and wearing a brn t-shirt, and blue jeans. The suspect fled in a white semi truck pulling a white trailer. The truck had the writing A&I on the side of the truck in red. The suspect used a small chrome revolver, possible .22.

Both officers Wesbrook and Cummings observed the described vehicle N/B on the Golden State Fwy (I-5) at the Roxford off ramp. The suspect continued on the I-5 Fwy N/B toward Valencia. The officers were in an unmarked vehicle following the suspect and were broadcasting to responding units. Officers were able to notify CHP officers at the weight station of the occurrence and description of the tractor-trailer. Once the suspect reached the weight station, CHP officers directed the suspect to park his vehicle at one of the inspection parking spaces. With the help of the CHP officers, responding officers were able to take the suspect into custody with no further incident. Officers conducted a search of the suspect tractor and recovered a .22 gun, weight slip from the Texaco truck stop, and took photos of described vehicle. Officers are commended for their observation skills and tactics.

Promotions

We all here at Foothill Area would like to congratulate SLO Officers **Ron Walker** and **Jay Roberts**, Officers **Harris** and **Bixler** for their promotion to Sgt. I. These officers are outstanding in working with the community and other officers in the area. All of these officers will be sadly missed due to their leadership skills and knowledge of the job. Thanks for all of your help in solving crime in the community. SLO Ron Walker is the department expert on the street race. He is contacted by other police departments from all parts of the country on his knowledge. SLO Walker cared about his community by solving ABC issues, and motel problems, meeting with corporate leaders. SLO Jay Roberts committed himself in solving the homeless problem in the Tujunga area. These individuals were involved in all types of crimes.



SLO Roberts' efforts decreased part-time crimes by 50%. All of you take care and be careful.

Community

Station Property Officer **Janet Johnstone** is commended for her outstanding work with the community, working with children in Foothill area. She volunteers her time training kids in the Blue Shadow mounted drill team. Janet and her mounted drill team have won numerous drill team competitions around the country. On March 8, 2002, Janet Johnstone received a State Senator award for leadership and helping the community from Senator Alarcon. Great job, Janet, we're proud of your efforts to the community and positive role model to the children.

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by Officer Arthur Antonio
Transit Bus Division

Hello everyone! I hope everyone did well at Baker to Vegas. We are back and much has happened here since our last article. You know, when was our last article?

In Memoriam

P.O. II **Nancy Walden**, #31947 (Class of 7-95), was violently and suddenly taken away from us in early January. Officer Walden's funeral service was held on January 23, 2002, at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA. Not only did her fellow officers attend, but also members of her 104th Aviation Army National Guard Unit. Nancy, you will be missed and never forgotten.

Farewell

Transit Bus Division would like to bid a fond farewell to Capt. III **Brad Merritt** who is now assigned as the new Commanding Officer of Management Services Division. Prior to his departure, Capt. Merritt converted an unused room at TBD into a much needed cot room for officers. Funding for the bunk beds and mattresses was graciously provided by the Transit Group Boosters. We are also going to miss Captain Merritt's famous signature steak and tuna barbecues which we all enjoyed. Captain, good luck and best wishes on your new assignment. We will miss you!

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new Commanding Officer, Capt. III **Kenneth Garner** from Foothill Area. Capt. Garner was appointed to the Department in June, 1977, and in a few months will be celebrating his 25th

anniversary with the Department. Capt. Garner comes to us with lots of experience from various uniform and investigative assignments. He is a resident of Los Angeles and is also an active member of the community. He believes in an open door policy of leadership and that families must be our number one priority. It's nice to see your Captain in roll call, from time to time, wanting to know if there are any concerns. His continued goal is to support the residents of the city of Los Angeles by providing the best possible service in order to make their communities a safe place to live and work. We look forward to working with you and hope you enjoy your stay.

Commendable Caper

On March 6, 2002, at approximately 1600 hours, TBD undercover GHOST (Graffiti Habitual Offender Suppression Team) Officers **J. Schwedler**, #34183, **A. Downs**, #34676, **A. H. Jackson**, #30772, and **A. Antonio**, #33892, working 24TRW802 responded to a TBD patrol units (2TR12) request (Officers **R. Ceja**, #34054, **T. Jones**, #33991, and **L. Borja**, #32153) to assist on a vandalism call on an MTA bus with one juvenile in custody. As GHOST officers were driving eastbound First Street at Breed Street (Hollenbeck Area), Officer Jackson recognized a male Hispanic as a previously arrested tagger known by the moniker of "Bruer" who was attempting to conceal himself while looking eastbound. As Officers Downs and Jackson approached the location of the arrest, they observed the tag of "BRUER" written on the outside of the bus. After being informed of who was involved, Officers Schwedler and Antonio returned to the location of where Jackson had last observed the wanted tagger. Officers were then able to locate the suspect just north of the location and detained him for a vandalism investigation. The suspect, "Bruer," was identified by the witness during a field show-up. "Bruer" and his associate were arrested without incident. Officer Jackson and the other officers involved were commended for their keen observation and attention to duty. To the GHOST Unit, it was a pleas-

ure working for you and keep up the good work.

Making the Transfer

It has been quite some time since we had an article in the *Blue Line*. So TBD would like to extend a late, but warm, welcome to our Division and say fond farewell to the following personnel. First of all, myself, in from DEV are P-2 **A. Antonio**, #33892, and my good friend, P-2 **C. Surh**, #34496, now working in our CAD unit. Hey Chuck, how did you get that spot so soon? P-2 **J. Ramirez**, #31929, in from PER, P-2 **C. Gutierrez**, #33819, in from CENT, P-2 **V. Ruiz**, #35238, in from WLA, P-2 **J. Zapka**, #34903, in from TRD, P-2 **E. Brown**, #35754, in from WIL, P-2 **J. Hinchman**, #35729, in from CENT, P-2 **M. Jamie**, #35454 in from VNY, P-2 **T. Tingirides**, #35712, in from NEWT, P-2 **D. Petersen**, #35520, in from SW, hard chargers P-2 dawg **O. Castellanos**, #35792, and P-2 **P. Delacruz**, #31284, in from FTHL, P-2 **E. Collado**, #34267, in from NHWD, newly married P-2 **G. McNamee**, #35227, in from TRD, P-2 **W. Perez**, #35817, in from PAC, and finally Sgt.-1 **D. Talbot**, #30413, in from NE. Hey, Sarge, remember we work the whole city. Welcome aboard to you all! Hope you enjoy your stay here at TBD.

Due to the large amount of police officer applicants to the Department, Officers P-2 **J. Ramirez** and P-3 **B. Murray** were summoned on loan deep underground of 700 E. Temple to Backgrounds. Hope to see you both back real soon.

Making the transfer sometime back and leaving us are P-2 **M. Berumen**, #34759, to CENT, P-2 **J. Carrillo**, #34761, to 77th, P-2 **M. Lynch**, #33793, to NE, and just recently Sgt. **N. Jensen**,

#22710, to VTD. Good luck to all of you and remember there will always be room for you here at TBD.

A final note, I would like to say goodbye to my fellow classmate P-2 **G. Loo**, #33925 (Class 5-97), who just turned in his shield and left us for the West Covina PD. Good luck, Garrett, and be safe.

BobWeHadABabyIt'sABoyOr Girl

Congratulations to the following GHOST officers on the birth of their new babies: **A. H. Jackson**, #30772, baby Cole born 1/27/02, at 7 lbs., 6 oz.; **K. Huff**, #34099, baby Nicholas James, born 2/21/02 at 9 lbs., 3 oz.; **R. Keshishi**, #34712, baby Emily born on 12/3/01 at 6 lbs., 10 oz.; **T. Waymire**, #34200, baby Emily Ingrid, born on 6/22/01 at 7lbs., 10 oz. Also, a belated congratulations to Officers **E. Coats** and **R. Coats** (77th) on their new baby, Madison Genevieve born 5/24/01 at 7 lbs., 2 oz. And guess what? She is expecting again.

Wedding Bells

By the time this article gets printed, newly shaved and unrecognizable Officer **G. McNamee** will be married to his new wife, Lumi, on March 23, 2002. Best wishes to you both.

Welcome Back From IOD

Welcome and glad to have you back to GHOST, Sgt. II **H. Lopez**, #24538. Officers **J. Khzouz** and **B. Stallworth** are also back in action on the day watch desk.

Hey, Lt. **Hayakawa**, what DP will we be going on the Compressed Work Schedule again?

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The following was provided by Detectives R. "Boom Boom" Hernandez and D. Maxwell, RHD Robbery Specialists.

On June 13, 2001, a lone white male entered a residence in West Valley Area and committed a home-invasion robbery. The suspect had duct-taped his elderly female victim and made off with a large amount of jewelry and currency. On November 29, 2001, a lone white male entered another residence in West Valley Area, produced a handgun, cord-cuffed the lone female victim, then proceeded to ransack every room removing currency and jewelry. The suspect even made off with a large safe. The suspect's description for both of these crimes were similar in that the suspect was described

as an elderly white male wearing a gas company uniform.

On November 30, 2001, RHD assumed the investigative responsibility of these crimes. West Valley Detectives Pritchett and Park (the original investigating detectives) gave RHD all of their reports and leads. One of the leads discovered by the detectives was that of a Trespass report where the named suspect matched the general description of the home invasion suspect. The suspect in this crime had been married to the PR of the Trespass report. After making the report, the suspect telephoned the victim and verbally threatened her. Based on the suspect's threats, Det. Demucha, WVL Detectives, arrested him.

Prior to his arrest, and for some unknown reason, the same suspect had made numerous annoying phone calls to the residence of the second home invasion robbery victims. RHD detectives placed a trace on the victim's phone and were able to link the calls to the suspect. As soon as the suspect had been arrested (for the Criminal Threat crime against his wife), the phone calls ceased.

RHD detectives placed the suspect's DMV photograph in a 16-pack photo display folder. The victim of the second robbery made a positive identification. The detectives also notified other law enforcement agencies concerning these crimes. Detectives from Beverly Hills

PD contacted RHD stating that they had two home invasion robberies in their city matching the M.O. and suspect's description. The detectives showed the "16 pak" to witnesses who in turn made positive identifications of the suspect. This information was presented to DDA Jane Winston who in turn filed four counts of Home Invasion Robbery and one count of Annoying Phone Call. The detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect as well as a search warrant

thanks to WVL Det. Pritchett, Park and Demucha for their outstanding preliminary investigation, which resulted in the arrest of this criminal.

RHD Family Business

We would like to welcome back another re-hire, the retiree D-III Phil Vannatter. Phil has returned and is currently assisting the "cold case" Homicide Squad.

FYI, this will be my last article for



Celebrating 46 years with LAPD, D-III Jack "Mr. 211" Giroud.

for the suspect's residence, which turned up numerous items of evidence linking the suspect to the crimes. The suspect was brought in to court where he was served with his arrest warrant. He is facing approximately 45-50 plus years of fine cuisine provided by the California Dept. of Corrections.

Great job by all involved. A special

RHD. I've sewn on my sergeants stripes and for the next 18 DPs will be assigned to NHWD Area. Until next time, BE SAFE.

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Tom Wich for four years of dedicated reporting from RHD. We wish you well at North Hollywood.)



by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

After a few months without a Blue Line article, I am currently working to catch up on the stories within Narcotics Division. I would like to acknowledge all the personnel who were deployed to the 911 ICC/OCVD Task Force. Narcotics personnel were assigned to the task force 24/7 for several months without any time off after the 911 terrorist attacks. Now that the task force is com-

plete, Narcotics Division personnel have returned and are slowly getting back to narcotics enforcement.

Baker to Vegas

This year Narcotics did not field a running team, but several runners continued to have interest in running the Baker to Vegas Relay. Due to the continued interest, the North Hollywood team picked up some of our runners and they will participate this year. In the June issue I will have the outcome of the North Hollywood/Narcotics Running Team.

Baseball Season

Narcotics will participate in the annual softball season. The team will consist of players from all throughout the division from the Valley to the Harbor. The team captain, Dante Palacios, will lead the Narcs into the season. I will update how our team is doing in the next issue.

Narcotics Loses Over 100 Years of Narcotics Experience

The past year has seen numerous changes in the complexion of Narcotics Division. In the past few months we have not added any new personnel, but the division has lost over 200 years of experience to retirements: Lt. II Frank Valdez, #17249, D-III Chuck Kindleberger, #13549, D-III Frank Goldberg, #20615, D-II Steve Barba, #22249, D-I Ronald Waters, #17422, D-II David Jones, #22659, D-III David Cullen, #16412, D-2 James Crone, #16756, D-2 Gary Skogen, #20937, P-3 James Schmidt, #16378, D-2 James Warren, #21237, P-3 Dean Brinker, #21603, Captain-3 Richard Eide, #21321, D-2 Tom Farris, D-2 Aaron Kulsic, #22561.

New Additions

There have been several new additions to ND families. Pete & Carla Zuniga a few months ago were the proud new parents of a healthy and beautiful baby girl, Samantha Zuniga, born November 23,

2000. Carla is currently assigned to SIT and Pete is assigned to Metro Division. Ron & Sylvia Granados were the proud new parents of a healthy and beautiful



Veronica Angelina Granados, born 1/22/2002.

baby girl, Veronica Angelina Granados, 6 lbs., 11 oz., born January 22, 2002.

Narcotics Division BBQ

On March 20, 2002, Narcotics Division Station Fund sponsored a free barbecue for the personnel in Narcotics Division. ND had a great turnout for the barbecue. The food and drink were free and the lab squad personnel were in charge of the grill. The barbecue was a hit and everyone enjoyed the festivities in the picnic area of the Academy. The Station Fund Committee and the volunteers who worked to put this function together should be recognized for their hard work. (Lorry Perez, Kenny Bryant, Leslie Herrig, Axia Burguan, Margaret Correa, Carey Tong, Patti Hashizume, Carla Zuniga, Sylvia Granados, Rafael Acosta, and Mike McPherson.)



Samantha Zuniga, 15 months, born 11/23/2000 to Carla (ND) and Pete (Metro) Zuniga.

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by J. Smith
Rampart Division

Rampart Division officers would like to congratulate the OCB Sergeant of the Year, Sgt. **Mike Patriquin**. In addition, congratulations are in order to the Rampart Officer of the Year, P-3 **Paul Lopez**, Detective of the Year, D-2 **Glen Oshea**, Civilian Employee of the Year, **Ivy Gutierrez**, and the Volunteer of the Year, **Ken Shepperd**.

It has come to my attention that Rampart Division will honor a "new" category of officers from this division. The honor will be bestowed in each *Blue Line* article. The basis for this honor is "hard work and sacrifice with a bit of humor and wit thrown in for good measure." The title bestowed on the officers is the "Bang for your Buck" Officers of the Month. This month Rampart would like to list the following officers and partners as being the first "Bang for your Buck" Officers: **J. Woods**, and his partner, **C. Labreola** for never being in the station without someone under arrest; Officers **K. Chavez** and her partner, **M. Prestler**, because they will handle any task assigned to them, any task... would that be any task? Officer **H. VanTwist** and Officer **M. Kelley** for their ability to be indisputably happy even after working 12 hours on morning watch. Last, but never least, Officer **B. Koren** for his dry-like-a-desert sense of humor and Officer **R. Rico** for his calm demeanor and moral character while working the front desk. The Los Angeles Police

Department just got a bigger bang for their buck with these officers! Thanks you guys!

Okay, so now down to the business of children. Congratulations to **Danny Logan** on the birth of his first girl, and to "eye in the sky" **Chris Ramirez** on the birth of his son. Hey, the more future Rampart officers, the better!

Speaking of future Rampart officers, can you close your eyes for a split second and reach down into your memory... go back to the day when you looked at the transfer list, because you were finally getting off probation and now you were a true Los Angeles Police Officer. Now that you are in that memory zone, do you remember looking at the transfer list and just knowing you would be the hardest working officer at your new division? You were now a "true" P-2 dog. Then you get to the new division

pursuits? Do you remember trying to write more tickets or F.I.s than everyone else, because your Den Sergeant would notice and write a positive comment card for your package? Do any of these memories come back to you? If you miss these moments on the job, or you have never experienced moments like these, then transfer to work at Rampart Division. Your experience here as a police officer is second to none. Realize that Rampart only accepts the finest... and we have hallowed walls here with strong traditions. Come here and experience greatness.

Sgt. **Ling**, along with Officers **Joh**, **J.J. Kim**, and **Trimino** treated Rampart Division to a super fantastic home-cooked breakfast on March 20. The meal included "ordered" as you want them cooked eggs, bacon, muffins and pancakes along with coffee and orange



Rampart breakfast chefs.

and after working the desk or the kit room for a DP or two, supervisors finally cut you loose on the division. Do you remember feeling that energy? Do you remember going home and talking about how cool the arrest was or how "crazy" the 5150 that you took into protective custody was? Do you remember the foot

juice. The profits from the cookout went to the Rampart Baker to Vegas running team fund. There will be future barbe-

cues with all officers from LAPD invited. I recall in the last article I invited other members of Baker to Vegas teams to join us at our cookouts... Hum, I don't recall seeing anyone brave enough to come over and check out our Baker to Vegas team. I remember writing that we would serve you extra. No takers. Okay, I guess I will have to stretch the invitation to all Divisional Softball teams. The barbecues will be on payday, Wednesdays. Call the front desk for the menu. Everyone is invited.

The *kick butt* arrest selection for this month's *Blue Line* article comes straight to you from Officers **Ford** and **Jones**. Yes, you read it right, it was Ford and Jones. They happened upon a stolen car in the parking lot of a local motel. After a short but intensive investigation, with the airship overhead, a group of officers hiding in the trees across the street and another group of officers dodging a river of water from a broken water main, the driver of the stolen car was located and detained. Needless to say, the suspect did not only steal the car, but he attempted to transport a large amount of narcotics and stolen property to include items stolen from the Salt Lake Olympics, jewelry and silver bullion. Way to stick with it you guys. Job well done by all. Officer Jones and Officer Ford, one day I am going to grow up just like you guys!!

To all the coppers out there, remember it's Mom's Day this month. Be kind to your mom or the mom of your children. It's only one day a year. Flowers and candy always smooth everything over. In closing, be safe, watch out for your partners, communicate with your sergeants, appreciate your assistant watch commanders and lieutenants. Watch your top notch, and don't sweat the small stuff.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

by S.E.
Risk Management Division

The list of congratulations at RMD seems to be never ending. But hey, it could be worse.

With that said, RMD would like to congratulate Det. III **Paula Feinmark** on her recent installation as LAWPOA's President for the 2002-2004 term. Det. Feinmark was sworn in on April 16, 2002, by Judge Lance Ito.

Congrats to Sgt. II **Wai Wong** who recently promoted from his dual status

of Sgt. I/Det. I and transferred from the Rampart Task Force to lead the Claims Investigation Unit. Officer **Shawn Beale**, also formerly of the Rampart Task Force, has promoted to PIH and moved to the TEAMS II Unit. Shawn, Stan doesn't know what he will do without you!

Best wishes to Det. **Yvette Bass** who recently became engaged to her high school sweetheart and will be married later this year.

RMD would like to welcome Officer **Ralph Bassett** from Central Division to the TEAMS II crew and bid adios to Det. **Mike Slider** who is headed out to Van Nuys Division.

Finally, with much sadness, RMD says goodbye to one of its long timers, Det. II **Ricardo Escobedo**, #17463. After 30 years of distinguished service he has decided to move on to greener pastures.

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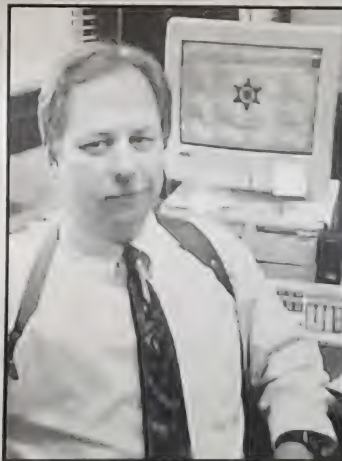
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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

As we quickly approach the 24th Annual Memorial Relay at Dockweiler Beach your scribe got a close up look at one of the reasons why we have the event. I spent the last two weeks of March working in New York City across the street from what was once the World Trade Center.

Even with all the structural rubble gone the devastation is truly staggering. Nearly one square mile of crater sitting smack in the middle of the busiest financial district in the world. Graveyard to thousands of bodies . . . cops, firefighters, paramedics and civilians . . . men, women and children . . . all cut down in the prime of their lives.

It is these people . . . these unwilling, unknowing victims of terror . . . and the willing, knowing rescuers who rushed in, without regard to their own personal safety, to try and save as many people as possible . . . that we honor on Saturday, May 11.

We have been fortunate in the last 12 months that no LAPD officer has made the ultimate sacrifice in serving the citizens of Los Angeles. And while we pray that "winning streak" continues for years to come we know the odds are against

that. At some time, some where, in the near future, we will once again lose one of our own in the line of duty.

There is no better way to remember our own who have gone before us, who have given their lives to protect those of others, than to participate in the Memorial Relay at Dockweiler Beach on May 11. Late registration will be accepted on the morning of the event between 0700-0800 and applications can be downloaded from the Sports Beat website at www.lapraac.com/sportsbeat. A one-mile fun run/walk starts at 0815, the three-mile run at 0845, and the 15-mile team relay at 0945. Cost is a measly \$15 for the fun run, \$25 for the three-mile run, and \$125 per team of five runners for the relay.

Help us honor the memory of the heroes who gave their lives . . . and celebrate the heroes who survived . . . on that fateful day in almost eight months ago. Support our comrades in New York, and your fellow officers here in Los Angeles . . . the Memorial Relay, Saturday, May 11, Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey — be there!

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Play Ball . . .

The 2002 Intradepartmental Softball season is now underway with 21 teams competing in three leagues. Games con-

tinue through the end of May with the Red Davis Tournament for the department title slated June 4-5.

This year's league setups are:

- **CENTRAL LEAGUE** (Tuesday mornings at Eagle Rock Rec Center)
Central, Hollywood, Metro, Newton, Northeast, Rampart
- **NORTH LEAGUE** (Thursday mornings at Eagle Rock Rec Center)
Air Support, Central Traffic, DARE, Narcotics, Southeast, Southwest, Wilshire
- **VALLEY LEAGUE** (Wednesday mornings at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Basin)
Devonshire Blue, Devonshire Red, Foothill, North Hollywood, Pacific, Valley Traffic, Van Nuys, West Valley

Up-to-date game schedules and rain-out information is available on the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800. For additional information contact Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222 ext. 218.

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Summer's Coming . . .

The kids will be out of school before you know it and the whining is just around the corner: "I wanna go to Disneyland," "Why can't we go somewhere funnnn?" Well, you can, and for a smaller hit in the family budget!

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Available for May, June and July (all 7:10 pm starts unless noted) are:

- May 14 — New York Mets
- May 17 — Montreal Expos
- May 27 (1:10 pm) & 29 (12:10 pm) — Milwaukee Brewers
- May 31, June 1 (1:10 pm) — Arizona Diamondbacks
- June 14 & 16 (1:10 pm) — Anaheim Angels
- June 19 — Toronto Blue Jays
- June 21 & 23 (1:10 pm) — Boston Red Sox
- June 24, 25 & 27 (6:10 pm) — Colorado Rockies
- July 11 & 14 (5:10 pm) — Arizona Diamondbacks
- July 16 (12:10 pm) — St. Louis Cardinals
- July 18 — San Diego Padres
- July 19-20 (1:10 pm) — San Francisco Giants

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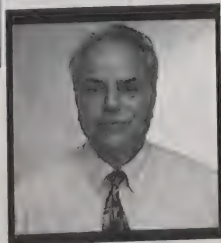
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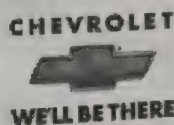


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LAPD Ski Team: a Dominating Force

by Mike Braun

Another fine season for the LAPD Ski Team winds down with the completion of three major events: the Canadian Police Alpine Ski Championships, the California Fire/Police Winter Olympics and the North American Police Ski Championships.

The season began in November with the annual team party/meeting and a few weeks later monthly training days at Mammoth Mountain began. The days are designed for all levels of skiers to hone race skills and take advantage of world class coaching from the Mammoth Mountain Race Department. Training is very inexpensive and is invaluable for those who want to learn how to improve their skiing skills.

By the end of January some of the team traveled to the Canadian Police Race at the beautiful and cold Silver Star Resort in British Columbia. **Mike** and **Ingrid Braun**, **Bill Page**, **Kelli Stallings** and **Bruce Christensen** made the trek to the great white north! Ingrid was the fastest female to compete and Mike the fastest male. Bruce, Kelli and Bill all won medals in their groups. It is amazing retired Sgt. Bill Page is out there skiing, let alone racing. Bill crashed in the International Police Winter Games last season, resulting in a "tib fib" compound fracture to his right leg. Twenty-one screws and a rod later Bill is limping around and the love of skiing has not kept him down.

In March the California Fire/Police Winter Games at Mammoth Mountain were held. Great weather and good attendance made it very successful for our team. Some newcomers (**Paul Scott**, **Eric Hurd**, **Mark Pearce**, **Freddy**

Ackerlie, **TJ Azevedo**, **Ryan Verna** and **Bryce Verna**) attended the race, did very well for their first time racing and assured me they were hooked. The Brothers Verna tried their skills in the Bordercross competition but were beat out by teammate **Mike Guttilla** who took second in that event. Guttilla also cleaned up in snowboard races winning several medals in the expert group.

Mike Johnson, our Cross Country ace, won the overall skier award, beating teammate Mike Braun by one point (the overall is based on total of results from



Rick Conrado, Ingrid and Mike Braun.

all alpine and cross country races for the week). Braun was able to win the fastest skier award and the number one bib for next year, winning three of the four alpine races. The four-man team of Mike Johnson, Mike Braun, **Tim Grabe** and **Rob Lerner** (voice of the Games) pulled



LAPD skiers, in full regalia, pose for team picture at Mammoth Mountain.

out a second place team award behind the Mammoth Fire Department (which won by one point). Grabe, battling the flu, gave it his all and deserves a lot of props for being a team player. Expert skier and longtime team member **Rick Conrado** pulled out all stops for the culminating Super-G race with a smoking run, finishing fourth overall.

Lastly, team members traveled to Aspen, Colorado, for the North American Police Ski Championships. All races were held at the Snowmass Resort and the weather was unreal. **Lou Vince**, who roomed with Grabe in Mammoth and was deathly ill, crawled out of bed each day to win several medals. New racer **TJ Azevedo** made the expert group, along with **Max Phillips** and **Charles Rodriguez**, formerly competing on the advanced course. Once again Ingrid Braun smoked all other women on the hill and won every race in the expert group. Mike Braun won every race in the mens expert group until the last day when he had a high-speed crash

and ended up in the safety net during the Super-G. Even more disheartening it cost him the overall top skier award and the expert team trophy for him and Conrado (losing to hometown favorites from Snowmass PD). Mike and Rick took second place and vowed to return next year to reclaim first-place trophy.

Glenn Jackson and **Bob McDonald** skied very well and salvaged some of the team's honor by winning the advanced team trophy. Hopefully **Shannon Geaney** will be back from military leave next year, and she and Ingrid can team up for the womens expert team trophy. But that's ski racing, and there is next year to look forward to with the LAPD/Snowmass P.D. rematch.

We'd like to give special thanks to LAPRAAC which helped us raise money for the Special Olympics by donating items for auction at the North American Championships. The items helped raise several thousand dollars for these special athletes.

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The LAPD Women's Soccer Takes the Gold

Members of the LAPD Women's Soccer Team returned victorious from an indoor futsal tournament held in Washington, D.C., March 23-24, 2002. This year marked the women's third appearance in the tournament and again the only west coast team participating. Team members (**Karima Tahir**, **Jennifer Jedynak**, **Andrea Grossman**, **Lupita Alaniz**, **Michelle Loomis**, and **Gege Yates**) participated in a tournament sponsored in part by the United States Secret Service and local law enforcement agencies to raise money in support of DC SCORES. This after-school program encourages children to stay out of trouble by participating in structured programs like writing classes and soccer clinics. The tournament has seen 7 successful years of raising awareness and funds. LAPD women faced off against our east coast rivals including the NYPD and Philadelphia soccer teams. Other participating agencies included Toronto (Canada) and local Maryland combo teams. The men's bracket included Canadian and Bermudian teams and embassy personnel with countries like Brazil and UAE represented. Local kid teams compete between the "grown-up" games, and it is great to see kids having fun and learning about teamwork. We played hard and made some great plays and goals. We advanced to the finals where we played against the NY Enforcers. After a great goal from our team, our goalie, Jennifer, hunkered down to keep the score 1-0 and add another shut out to our standings. As the final whistle blew after 15 minutes of intense non-stop action, the LAPD Women's team emerged as the winners of the women's bracket. To top it off, our very own goalie, Jennifer Jedynak was voted MVP. Several of the teams participating in this tournament will be headed to Los Angeles in early September for the North American Police Soccer Championship.

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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD Blue Captures Bronze at Arizona Games

by Chris Marsden

One lone run in a high-scoring extra-inning game kept the LAPD Blue softball team from the championship game at the Arizona Police Games. A controversial call in overtime gave Las Vegas Metro PD a 31-30 victory to advance to the finals.

The Blue Team, playing with the minimum of ten players, battled through injuries to eliminate several squads along the way to a bronze medal. Those who fell by the wayside include the Northern California Combo, L.A. County Sheriffs, U.S. Border Patrol, Arizona State Police, Department of Corrections, and our own LAPD Lawmen. The battle between LAPD teams saw the Blue crew plate 17 runs in the final two innings to deny the Lawmen an upset victory. Final score: Blue 27, Lawmen 24.

Several players were selected for the "All Tournament Team" including **Tom Chevolek, Phil Smith, Rich Bengston** and **Chris Marsden**.

The Blue Team, founded 30 years ago by **Jack Giroud**, competes in seven to

ten police softball tournaments each year. They recently had a number of long-time veterans hang up their spikes and are currently looking for new players to keep the winning tradition going. Next tournament on the Blue schedule is the Palm Springs Classic on May 4-5.



Bronze Medal Winners at Arizona Games—(Top Row, from Left): Phil Smith, Tom Chevolek, Ray Corrales, Chris Richardson, Todd Waymire, Rich Bengston, Mike Williams; (Bottom Row): Chris Marsden, Mike Snowden, George Angulo.

Any individuals interested in trying out for the LAPD Blue softball team, or desiring more information, should call **Todd Waymire** at (213) 922-5131 or **Bengston** at (213) 847-0970. They can also be contacted via department e-mail.

77th Street Upsets DARE to Claim LAPD Basketball Championship

The 77th Street basketball team, ala the Arizona Diamondbacks and New England Patriots, pulled a rabbit out of their hat to win the Captain Al Nelson Tournament and claim the 2001-02 LAPD intradepartmental basketball championship. It was the first time since 1993 a team other than Parker Center or DARE has captured the crown.

A lackluster 5-5 in league play the hoopsters from South Broadway sur-

"B" and "C" tournaments. Southwest #1, sullied only once in "B" league play, fell early and could not make its way back. Harbor, winner of only two games during the season, was knocked into the loser's bracket by Southwest in its second game of tourney and looked to be dead in the water. The Sailors captured four straight (beating Training, Wilshire, Southwest and Foothill) to face Newton (6-3 in league play and undefeated in the tourney).



77th Street — 2001-02 LAPD Basketball Champions.

prised all experts by sweeping all its "A" league tournament games. They got past Parker Center in the first round and DARE in the second round, then beat Southeast 51-35 to guarantee a spot in the final round. In the meantime defending three-time champion DARE, dumped into the loser's bracket, battled its way back with victories against Central and Southeast (a squeaker) to set up a rematch with 77th.

The battle for the LAPD title would come down to the last 10 minutes of the season — and what a battle it was. Having already lost once in the tournament it was a do or die game for DARE, down by one at the half. But 77th was not about to let them make it four in a row — they took charge in the second half to topple DARE 79-66 for the championship.

It was also a story of upsets in the

Could Harbor extend its streak to an incredible six straight to take the title? They sure could, toppling Newton 50-37 and 50-35 for the "B" league championship.

In the combined "C" tournament Northeast (undefeated in league play) was the early-on favorite. They made it all the way to the fourth round before Pacific drew the first blood of the year. The Beach Boys, 6-2 in league play, marched the tournament like Sherman through Georgia while the Northerners clawed their way through the loser's bracket to setup another match with Pacific to determine the title. In this game, too, it came down to the final minutes of the season (the game was tied 24-24 at half). But, like a mad dog, Pacific had already tasted blood — and after a nip-and-tuck second half came out on top, 68-65, to win the "C" league championship.

2002 Police/Fire Summer Games Track & Field Athletes

All track and field athletes (men and women) the Summer Games are being held in Santa Ana. All current, former, and new coming track athletes are asked to participate in this year's meet. The dates for track and field competition are June 20, 2002, through June 22, 2002.

Applications can be picked up at the LAPRAAC, Elysian Park Office. We are looking for a strong showing from this year's team. All interested participants should contact **Chuck Williams (DARE)** at (213) 485-4856 or **Ken Scott** at (310) 298-4667.

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Thirteen Proves 77th's Lucky Number ... Power Pigs Win Spring Bench Press Contest

One of the smallest contests in recent years was one of the closest ... but close doesn't cut it. For the 13th time in a row the 77th Street Power Pigs waddled away with the Intradepartmental Bench Press title. Only 78 lifters participated in the daylong event held March 22 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym, nearly three in eight females.

Pacific gave 77th a run for its money coming in second with 151 points (to 77th's 276). If the match were broken

out by sex Pacific's women would have claimed victory with a 94-91 edge over the ladies from South Broadway. The event marked the 18th time in the last 19 events that a **Paul von Lutzow** coached team won the contest.

While many lifters matched or bettered their lifts from last fall, for the first time in memory only two records were tied or set, both by male lifters over the age of 60. **Bob Shallenberger** (Van Nuys) became the first "grand-



77th Street Bench Press team, winner of 14 straight intradepartmental matches, poses with trophy.

pa" to participate in the 148-1/2 lb. class, and retiree **Ron Meade** set a new mark by lifting 320 lbs. in the 275-1/2 lb. class.

It looks like the Fall competition, slated for October 4, could turn out to be a mano-a-mano battle. Can the Beach Boyz keep the fugitives from Farmer John from achieving their namesake streak? 14 straight = double 7's = 77th!

BENCH PRESS RESULTS

WOMEN AGE 20-29

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
97 - 105-3/4	Adriana De Los Santos (77th) 55 lbs	
114-1/2 - 123-1/2	Hsin-Yi Lo (Pac) 105 lbs	Tiffany Tingirides (Nwtm) 85 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Natalie Humphreys (77th) 125 lbs	Sara Roman (77th) 125 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Patricia Braendle (77th) 170 lbs	Blanca Lopez (Pac) 140 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Erika Spence (Pac) 120 lbs	
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Maria Marquez (77th) 90 lbs	Ginny Lukaszenske (Dev) 70 lbs

WOMEN AGE 30-39

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
114-1/2 - 123-1/2	Cynthia Dragun (Dev) 100 lbs	Maricela Huerta (Pac) 75 lbs
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Jill Reinhold (Pac) 140 lbs	Allison Tibbett (Trg) 130 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Lisa Wernli (77th) 180 lbs	Stacy Young (77th) 110 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Laura Curtin (Pac) 115 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Renee Minnick (77th) 110 lbs	

WOMEN AGE 40-49

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Stephanie Lazarus (Dev) 105 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Donna Reyes (Pac) 135 lbs	Tanya Eppenger (Pac) 120 lbs
165-1/4 - 181-3/4	Evangelyn Nathan (Pac) 100 lbs	
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Cindy Hallford (Pac) 100 lbs	Nina Brown (77th) 85 lbs

MEN AGE 20-29

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Matthew Okubo (WLA) 225 lbs	Zachary McCready (Pac) 215 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Zachary McGready (Pac) 255 lbs	Asher Silkey (Dev) 225 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Habib Munoz (VN) 305 lbs	Michael Pace (77th) 190 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Richard Moakley (Dev) 290 lbs	Richard Flores (Ctrl) 245 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Ricky Mendoza (77th) 310 lbs	James Geffen (SE) 260 lbs
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Joe Rich (77th) 225 lbs	
242-1/2 - 275-1/4	Joe Robinson (77th) 330 lbs	
Over 275-1/4	Jam Dowdy (77th) 300 lbs	

MEN AGE 30-39

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Perry Griffith (77th) 280 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Alfred Coors (77th) 240 lbs	Alfred Coors (77th) 270 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Scott Nakasone (WLA) 315 lbs	Timothy Nordquist (77th) 245 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Michael O'Shea (77th) 400 lbs	Jesse West (77th) 300 lbs
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Darrel McGregor (77th) 375 lbs	Kevin Lowe (Pac) 355 lbs
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Charles Hearn (Dev) 320 lbs	
242-1/2 - 275-1/4	Joseph Terena (Pac) 360 lbs	
Over 275-1/4	Michael Tirella (Ctrl) 290 lbs	Carlos Valdez (77th) 225 lbs

MEN AGE 40-49

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
Under 123-1/2	James Stepan (Trg) 110 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Michael Ozaki (WVal) 270 lbs	
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Sam Arase (Pers) 400 lbs	Al Aldaz (VNys) 300 lbs
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Stan Young (Pac) 200 lbs	
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Ken Crawford (Dev) 415 lbs	James Lumpkin (77th) 250 lbs
242-1/2 - 275-1/4	Robert Bermudez (77th) 325 lbs	Richard Baeza (77th) 225 lbs
Over 275-1/4	Morris Batts (77th) 400 lbs	

MEN AGE 50-59

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Dean DePaola (VN) 175 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Joseph Curreri (Dev) 245 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Charles Howard (77th) 200 lbs	Michael Marco (77th) 155 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Robert Lequin (Dev) 290 lbs	Royal LaChasse (77th) 250 lbs

MEN AGE 60+

WEIGHT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Bob Shallenberger (VNys) 50 lbs	
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	David Randall (Pac) 125 lbs	D.C. Webb (77th) 115 lbs
Over 275-1/4	Ron Meade (Ret) 320 lbs	

TEAM RESULTS

FIRST	77th STREET	276 points	35 team members
SECOND	PACIFIC	151 points	20 team members
THIRD	DEVONSHIRE	84 points	9 team members
FOURTH	VAN NUYS	37 points	4 team members

INTRA-DEPARTMENT BENCH PRESS RECORDS

M E N					
CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50-59	AGE 60+
Under 123 1/2	Tran Khoa 150#	Tony Cabunoc 145#			
123 1/2-132 1/2	Ken Aragon 245#	Matt Okubo 245#	Ron Hodges 230#	Dean De Paola 170#	
132 1/2-148 1/2	Joe Johnson 320#	Nelson Fong 295#	Herbert Chang 260#	Joe Curreri 230#	
		Lee Sands 295#			
148 1/2-165 1/2	Ben Tran 360#	Kerry Anderson 350#	Ken Montague 325#	Mark Conta 260#	BOB SHALLENBERGER 50#
		Mike Callan 350#			
165 1/2-181 1/2	Andre Louis 385#	Andre Louis 395#	Lou Leiker 345#	Tom Vigen 365#	Sam Colella 245#
181 1/2-198 1/2	Terry Cirre 420#	Mark Allen 420#	George Caulford 430#	Tom Vigen 365#	Sam Colella 265#
198 1/2-220 1/2	Tony Ramirez 475#	Greg Davidson 485#	Ken Crawford 430#	James Williamson 315#	Sam Colella 285#
				Johnny Jones 315#	
220 1/2-242 1/2	Alberto Franco 525#	Todd Waymire 455#	Gary Romo 420#	Gary Romo 390#	
242 1/2-275 1/2	Ed Huston 470#	Barry Brooks 450#	Reggie Weaver 425#	Gary Thomas 440#	Rex Shields 340#
Over 275 1/2	Bryan Hand 415#	John Valdez 420#	Morris Batts 440#	Ray Hernandez 205#	RON MEADE 320#

W O M E N				
CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50+
Under 97 Lbs.		Celia Komathy 85#		
97-105 1/2	Kristin Kolenda 100#	Kristin Kolenda 95#	Maria Tomes 75#	
		Teresa Evans 95#		
105 1/2-114 1/2	Nubia Avila 100#	Sandy Kim 100#	Jeri Weinstein 75#	
114 1/2-123 1/2	Jennifer Grasso 135#	Jill Reinhold 145#	Lynda Matarazzo 110#	
123 1/2-132 1/2	Jennifer Grasso 155#	Susan Drulias 155#	Dawn Crowley 135#	
	Jill Reinhold 155#			
132 1/2-148 1/2	Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170#	Lisa Wernli 185#	Teresa Akune 170#	
148 1/2-165 1/2	Melissa New 190#	Martha Moran 175#	Jami Reed 160#	Charlotte Smith 85#
			Martha Moran 160#	
165 1/2-181 1/2	Shannon Paulson 145#	Sharon Biggs 160#	Martha Moran 150#	Charlotte Smith 80#
	Maggie Sherman 145#			
181 1/2-198 1/2	Erika Spence 140#	Dena Kendrick 135#	Hilda Kendrick 185#	Martie Herrera 50#
198 1/2-220 1/2	Erika Spence 130#	Andrea Grossman 110#	Marcella Winn 125#	
		Bridget Pickett 110#		
220 1/2-242 1/2			Debbie Gourman 90#	Brenda Gordon 145#

Record set or tied at the March competition indicated in bold caps.

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Nov. 2000	77th St. Division	Nov. 1995	Central Traffic Women	October 1990	Rampart Division
June 2000	77th St. Division	May 1995	Rampart Division	March 1990	77th St. Division
October 1999	77th St. Division	Nov. 1994	Rampart Division	March 1989	Hollenbeck Division
June 1999	77th St. Division	May 1994	Rampart Division	March 1988	77th St. Division
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SPORTS BEAT

Claybusters Unearth Gold in Arizona

by Jimmy L. Trahin

It's a beautiful medal...shiny, glowing, conspicuous to all who view it. Many men have killed and been killed in their desperate desire for possession of that most valuable element—gold.

Well, nobody had to die but a lot of claybirds bit the dust when the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team captured "mucho" gold in Tucson at the Arizona Police Games in March. Those macho warriors who dared compete in 20-30 mph gusting, cold winds included **Dave Herrick, Ross Weddle, Harry (Deadeye) Davis, Don Bray, Jeff Nocket, Ed Knutson, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott, Tom Hartkof, Bobby Lutz, Ed Chauff** and yours truly.

Five events were held in the two-day shoot with seven teams competing in skeet, skeet doubles, trap, trap handicap and trap doubles. LAPD's shooters were unstoppable taking the team gold in skeet, handicap trap and trap doubles; and silver medals in skeet doubles and trap—what a blowout! Two perfect games (100x100) were shot by "Deadeye" Davis with a gold in skeet and Weddle in trap for the silver. Other individual medals went to Bray, Knutson and Hartkopf.

Top Gun of the whole shoot went to our very own "Deadeye" Davis who walked away with five gold medals. The team brought home a staggering 59 medals for LAPD, which ain't too bad. It was a sweet drive back to Southern California with those memories of claybirds turning to powder and the sight and sound of an LAPD shotgun.

As the team gears up for the California Police and Fire Games, we would like to see some new blood smoking those clays. Anyone who wants to witness a true shotgun legend retire after 45 years on the job (34 con-



photo courtesy of Bunso Trahin
"Deadeye" Harry Davis was Top Gun at the Arizona Games, winning five gold medals and shooting a perfect 100x100 in skeet.

tinuous years shooting with the team) can attend the Vic Elliott retirement party on May 17 at the Elysian Park Academy. (Fortunately he's not retiring from shooting!) For more information, contact Jimmy Trahin at (562) 698-2674 or via e-mail at jtrahin@ix.net-com.com.

Remember: if you love your shotgun, it will love you! ♦

Pistol Teams Win Season Opener

by Rick Bennett

The 2002 pistol season got underway with the LAPD Pistol Team, defending world champions, seeking to build upon last year's success. Inaugural competition of the year was held on March 23-24 with a dual match hosted by the Blue Team and LAPRAAC.

Team matches were won by the LAPD Team #1 (**Bob Barnes, Neil Goldberg, Lou Salseda and Don Tsunawaki**) and LAPD Blue Team (**Steve Estrada, Helen Papietro, John Pride and Bob Snedden**). Expert class was captured by the LAPD Gold Team (**Dale Hickerson, Brian Owen, Tim Stack and Jason Veiga**). Special thanks goes to LAPRAAC for its support of all the teams.

Papietro and **Mary Hodges** traveled to Mesa, Arizona, to compete in the Arizona Police and Fire Games. In Action Pistol Helen took the gold and Mary won the silver (in the female category). Mary took silver in overall C-Class and, in police pistol (PPC) Helen took the bronze in master class and gold in master class four-person team.

Individual results of the March 23-24 match are:

High Master Class	LAPRAAC MATCH	LAPD RESERVE
John Pride	1492 x 112 (1st)	1487 x 93 (1st)
Bob Barnes	1489 x 102 (2nd)	1481 x 87
Steve Estrada	1487 x 88	1479 x 95
Bob Snedden	1487 x 86	1483 x 103
Neil Goldberg	1481 x 83	1479 x 85
Rick Bennett	1476 x 73	1479 x 97
Paul Shumway	1475 x 92	1478 x 83
Don Tsunawaki	1475 x 88	1477 x 81
Lou Salseda	1471 x 73	1482 x 78
Bob Becerra		1322 x 25

Master Class	LAPRAAC MATCH	LAPD RESERVE
Steve Embrich	1465 x 71	1458 x 59
Helen Papietro	1464 x 78	1462 x 66

Expert Class	LAPRAAC MATCH	LAPD RESERVE
Brian Owen	1462 x 56 (3rd)	1454 x 60
Eric Bixler	1453 x 55	1421 x 23
Dale Hickerson	1433 x 64	1440 x 57
Tom Mace	1417 x 50	1381 x 52

Sharpshooter Class	LAPRAAC MATCH	LAPD RESERVE
Tim Stack	1458 x 63 (1st)	1430 x 48
Rich Rinker	1413 x 51	1435 x 69
Nat Hooper	1350 x 41	1432 x 50
Jason Veiga		1428 x 61

Next match in our sights is April 27-28 at the LA Sheriff's facility in Castaic. For more information on the pistol teams contact Rick Bennett at (818) 832-3752. ♦

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LAPRAAC GOLF CLUB RESULTS March 22 Tourney at Hansen Dam

LOW NET TEAM:

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"B" Flite - Devonshire #3 (295). Fred Cueto, Mike Hall, Tim Wollock, Pat Rimkunas

LOW NET INDIVIDUAL:

"A" Flite - Eric Solter (71); "B" Flite - Dave Ortiz (68)

LONGEST DRIVE:

Women - Gia Goyen; Men - Eric Solter

CLOSEST TO PIN:

Hole #4 - Steve Rausch; Hole #7 - Gia Goyen; Hole #15 - Lew Peake, Hole #17 - Steve Rausch

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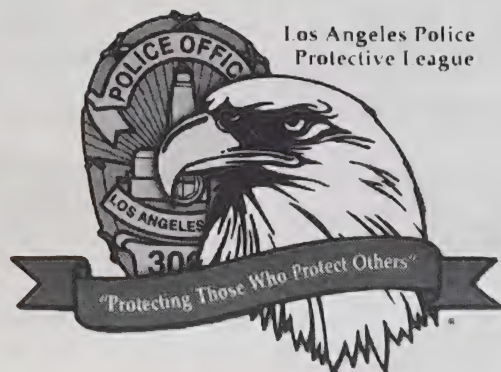
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By LAPRAAC Staff

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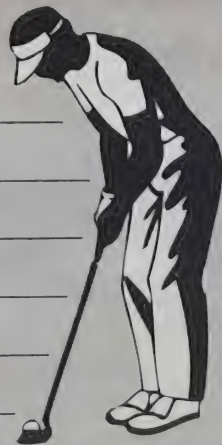
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

THE MEL-BEARD OFFICIAL SCORE: 98 down and 2 to go!! (certified a true and correct score by the U.S. Mel-Board Assoc., Inc.)

Team co-captain **Mel Sandvig** has a couple of marathons staked out in the next few months that will put him over the top in his quest of completing 100 of them. One is in the San Francisco Bay area and the other is in the San Diego/Pacific Beach area. I neglected to find out which one will be the Big Kahuna, but I will, and wouldn't it be nice if we all could put together some sort of quietly colossal, sedately stupendous, locally magnificent celebration as he comes across the finish line with number 100 tucked away in his back pocket? We'll keep you posted on that as well as OLD BLUE runners who are competing in the California Police and Fire Games in Santa Ana from June 16 to 20. Whadda ya mean where's Santa Ana?

And don't forget the 24th Annual Memorial Day Relay at Dockweiler Beach, Saturday, May 11, in Playa del Rey. Playa del Who? If you have not registered, there will be a late registration at 7:00 a.m. with the first event, a one-mile fun run for 12 year olds and under, getting off at 8:15 a.m. This is always a family fun day for a very great cause. For more particulars, call LAPRAAC, who is sponsoring this event, at 323-221-5222. Good luck and at the end of the day you'll be glad that you went.

Well now, the Baker-Vegas race is behind us and the winner was...? The winner was...? Well, you see, everyone is writing their May, 2002, column before the *Thin Blue Line* cut-off date

of April 6, but the B-V race is two weeks later. So we won't know till then that Metro Red, in my opinion, probably won... HOORAY for Metro, again!! These guys are fast, they're up, they're young, they're good and they're Metro! Plus, they've got the B.P. factor. What is the B.P. factor you say? Well, buddy, that stands for "Bill Parker," the greatest chief we ever had. Why, what did



you think it stood for? In those days in Metro we also thought that we were the greatest thing since sliced bread. Thought it nothing! We knew it. In those days most all cops could run like the wind, or close to it, and most everyone wanted to work in the division that used somewhat "secret" phrases like "Roger, 114." Wow, we ate it up and so did Jack Webb, and it sure helped put LAPD in the forefront of police work and athletics for a long, long time. And we practiced a lot. In fact, just about every night in fast, furious foot races on some of the main drags in downtown and vicinity or steeple chasing backyard fences and just hoping and praying that you'd see that famous clothesline before you felt it; ouch, ouch, ouch; big, big ouch! In fact, it seems to me that every once in a while some unfor-

tunate gendarme would get pretty well I.O.D.'d by a clothesline. Anyway, my I.O.U. is on Metro Red for reasons A, B, C, D, and all of the above.

For those young guys and girls who will be retiring between now and next fall and would like to run with Old Blue, we'd certainly love to have you on board. We'll be starting up our Sunday morning once a month practice run on October 6 at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine in Griffith Park behind the Park Rangers Station off of Crystal Springs Road. You may have

(L-R): **Pat Dailey** and Co-captain **Mel Sandvig** are sort of lollygagging along as they catch up to Co-captain **Chuck McTaggart** who checks his time as he pulls up to patriotic **Bill Estes** who is on the heels of **Gene Peterson** who is finely tuned to the race results while **Bob Carter** has emerged as the "Leader of the Pack" because his pix fit this collage best. **Joe Najera** (3rd from the right) is just starting to slide by **Keith Allen** (or is he?) as **Mike Arroyo** doggedly picks 'em up and puts 'em

down as he does a powerful job of trying not to be last. And of course, don't worry because Mike wasn't last, the picture just makes it look that way. In an effort to get more pictures of more runners in front of our readers' faces, I have tried to make a collage of lots of pix and it seems to be working out. As I recall, these pix were taken on three different days but they were all taken by teammate **Mike "Frenchy" Melancon** who is sometimes assisted by his

wife, Annie, who is quite a knowledgeable lady re: photography. In closing, all of us at OLD BLUE wish the very best of luck to all of the runners at this years Baker-Vegas Race and of course especially to our brothers and sisters from the New York City Fire and Police Departments.

"God Bless America, Land That I Love!" — by Irving Berlin (ca. 1918) ❖

More Retirement News on next page

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RETIREMENT NEWS



Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Hello everybody from the beautiful Central Coast of California. Last March we held our first get together of the Fuzz Group for 2002 and it was a lot of fun. The Inn at Morro Bay proved to be just what we expected, as the weather was superb and the cuisine delightful. A big thanks from all of us to **Paul & Stella Mattson** and **Judy Aikins** for putting it all together. Everyone seemed to have a great time. It was wonderful to see all of our good friends having such a pleasant time.

Those seen devouring the main dish included: **Bill & Linda Achen**, **Geraldine Auth**, **David & Claudia Bannister**, **Frank & Flo Beeson**, **Walter Boronich** and **Marion Yates**, **Freeman & Nellie Calvert**, **Brad & Linda Cochran**, **Joe & Myrl Cornwell**, **Bob & Marilyn Darnell**, **Chief Ed & Bobbie Davis**, **Cliff & Lorraine De Bernardi**, **Harold Epling & Helen Coulter**, **Clinton Erickson & Francis Davidson**, **Dave Frazier**, **Brian & Cathy Galbraith**, with guests **Dave & Mary Gale**, **Paul & Barbara Hardy**, **Art & Cathy Hotchkiss**, **Sheryl Hovas**, **Marty & Corinne Jefferson** and **Gerd & Nancy Konieczny**.

Those enjoying the beautiful view of the great Morro Bay Rock included: **Charles & Priscilla LaFitte**, **Brad & Fay Lamdin**, **Sam & Paulette Lopez**, **Paul & Stella Mattson**, **Max & Billie McAlpine**, **John Pearson**, **Robert & Aileen Rackerby** and **Lucy Salls**.

Those seen lingering around the super dessert table included: **Al Schlocker & Susan McHenry**, **Bill & Susanna Selesky**, **Walter & Muriel Sizoo**, **Ken Stiffler**, **Fred & Sharline Tuggey**, **Bob & Carole Velek**, **Tom & Dorie Swinger**, **Judy Aikins**, and yours truly.

The Loss of a Longtime Fuzz Member

On a sad note we lost one of our stalwart members just ten days after he attended our luncheon in Morro Bay in March. **Guy Hogue** passed away on March 31st due to failing health. He was 75 years old. I had highlighted his career

back in the May, 2000, issue of the *Blue Line* in our "Focus on the Fuzz" section. I reached back and selected a few of those comments to accent his career.

"Guy Hogue, Serial # 6352, is an interesting guy (no pun intended). His 21-year career began in 1949 and ended with his retirement in 1970. His last ten years on the LAPD were at Training Division where he was the Department Armorer and shooting instructor. Being



Guy Hogue with son Pat.

a weapons expert, he started a small business making beautiful wood pistol grips. Upon retirement in beautiful Cambria, he continued expanding his business, moving to Paso Robles in 1974. In the early eighties, Guy's two sons, Aaron and Patrick joined the business and it has really taken off. They now have 65 employees and produce over 1400 products with dealers operating nationwide as well as expanding into the international market. Additional products include rifle/shotgun stocks, speed holsters and much more. What a success story! Aaron and Patrick now run the business, but Guy is still involved with the company as an active senior consultant. Guy's business "Hogue Inc", is in cyberspace with a super web page at www.getgrip.com. Guy, the silver haired fox, is even pictured in it with his two sons. Check it out."

Guy Hogue participated in all the Fuzz functions he could attend. He was usually accompanied by his wonderful son, Pat, who was with him at the March luncheon. Several LAPD members attended his memorial service on April 12th in Atascadero. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and we will miss him dearly.

Catch us at WUZZLAPD@aol.com.
KMA

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well Easter has come and gone. I missed out on the Easter egg hunt. They told me I was too old, imagine that?

Well, the April meeting went off without a hitch. Those of you that didn't or couldn't make the luncheon missed out. I scheduled a comedian-magician and boy he was good. Kept the crowd laughing all the time. He came well recommended by all the senior groups in and around Hemet and the college and high schools. It's the first time we have ever had to pay for a speaker, but I have run out of ideas and did not know who to call. He usually charges \$185 per show, but I told him we were all old retired and just plain tired police officers and needed something special. It seems he was helped out some years back by a Los Angeles police officer and never forgot it. He gave us the whole package for \$100—\$85 less than usual. I had some overage in my slush fund after all the bills were paid, and because I hit a big one at Laughlin, I picked up the rest. I hit seven out of seven on a quarter Keno machine. It paid me \$1,750. (Yes, I had to report it to the I.R.S.) They give you the third degree, take photo of driver's license and social security card, for anything over \$1,199. Two weeks ago I hit a Bingo for \$1,199 at San Manuel Indian Casino in San Bernardino. If this keeps up I may take up gambling as a second job. (Eat your heart out **Ted Rushton**.)

Wilma Hyden, our secretary, got back from Switzerland. Says it was too cold for her. She usually goes in summer. She is glad to be back in sunny Hemet.

Got some good news and some bad news. Good news first. **Bob Perry** is doing just great after his surgeries. **Floyd Phillips** has bounced back and looks great. **George Milemore** is doing good after knee surgery. (I have been watching George real close, because that's the only thing that is wrong with me is my knees are giving me lots of trouble.) **Bill Goldsberry** looks like his old self after his surgery. (Boy, will I catch it for saying old self.)

Now for the bad news. **Betty Hanley** called me. It seems **Don** (her husband) has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. He is really bad. She told me he will have to resign from the club. Our hearts and prayers go out to Don and Betty. Include them in your next prayer meeting.

Stu Sipma, who also has advanced Lou Gehrig's Disease, is doing as well as anyone who has this dreadful disease. Stu is a fighter and looks good. Has to carry around a pad and write everything he has to say. Hang in there, Stu. We are all pulling and praying for you. Stu is trying to sell this home in Palm Desert and moving to Deluth, Minn., near his roots. We'll miss him.

Curtis Payne is confined to a wheelchair and has multiple physical prob-

lems, is on oxygen 24 hours a day. Talked to him last week (March 27th) and he told me his lungs are almost gone from smoking. Says he wished now he had never started. He had to resign from the club. Can't drive. We will miss Curtis. I'm glad I quit after 34 years. I quit in 1973. I'm holding my breath that the lungs hold up.

Fred DuBrutz wrote me that he will have to resign from the club. He can no longer drive the freeways. I can't blame him. I hate it every time I have to go any distance, but I make it. But I still carry my sawed-off double-barrel shotgun, and a big walking stick (nice weapons in a pinch). I may be old but I still think I'm a Bantie Rooster. I still yell "Get off my road." Course I have my window rolled up. I am not a complete fool.

I just had a call from one of our club members who made a suggestion which I think is great. Since we are all getting along in years and are close knit (like family) as the police department was in the '40s, '50s, '60s, we should publish the names, serial numbers (so you can pick out your classmates), and oh yes the phone numbers. The addresses are already in the Police and Fire book that comes out every two years. (Incidentally, for those of you that don't belong, it's only \$1 a month). We would like next time to publish name, serial number and telephone in the retirement book, but for the present publish a few each month (so as not to overload *The Thin Blue Line*). If all the clubs would do this, everyone who reads *The Thin Blue Line* could see someone they know and maybe go and visit their club. I tried one time to get the members published in *The Thin Blue Line* that had showed up, but they told me they could not take up space for 175 names, and I can't blame them. It's a lot of work putting out *The Thin Blue Line* every month. I've known Helen McVay for 18 years and she is one terrific gal and really works to get the paper out to you all every month. It would be nice if as many of you that can send just a card to those that I have mentioned. If, at present, you want to call them, give me a call and I'll give you their phone number if I have it.

Think it over what I said about serial number and phone numbers and let me hear from you. And if you want to join the Inland Blue Line club, we meet three times a year. Cost is \$5 a year dues for the whole family. It's a lot of fun seeing old friends. You would enjoy it. I know I do. The next meeting and luncheon is Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002. You can call me if you want to get on the mailing list at 909-925-4491. And just remember it's a jungle out there. Carry a shotgun and/or a big stick. We need you around so stay healthy and God bless!

I have a lot more to say, but I am way over my allotted space. So keep smiling. Your old buddies up there are watching you.

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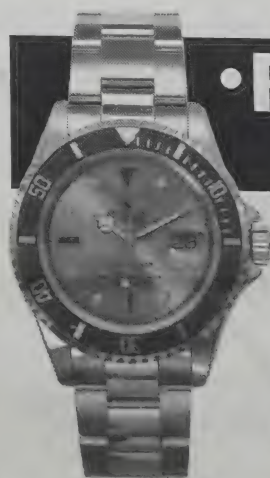
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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on May 15, 2002, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until 11:00 when lunch orders are taken.

We had 37 members present at the March 20th luncheon. The following were at the lunch: **Gene Allensworth** (5058), **Frank Aungst** (7515), **Don Barnett** (7433), **Ken** (3336) and **Shirley Brondell, Frances Davidson, Ted Debs** (6808), **Ernie Dickens** (3918), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Jay Frey** (12528), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Bob Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Morrie Henkin** (5247), **John Kepke** (4603), **Carmen and Charley** (6065) **Long, Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Duane (Whitey) Ryburn**

(3981), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Dustin Splaine** (7183), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Norm Sulflow** (6902), **Dick Thomas** (6289), **Jim Trax** (6185), and **Chet Wright** (10351).

There were five new attendees this month: **Frank Aungst**, **Carmen and Charley Long**, **Earnie Dickens** and **Jay Frey**. **Chet Wright** returned after an absence of about four years. **Earnie Dickens** has moved back to the Valley and plans to be a regular attendee.

Our annual barbecue at **Dale Rickard's Ranch** will be on October 20th this year, so mark your planners and put it on your schedule to attend.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information is also on the LARFPA Web site in case you forgot the date or location. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting. ❖

Retired Van Nuys Detectives Lunch

by Clinton O. Erickson

Every year during the month of March around St Patrick's Day the "OLD VAN NUYS CITY HALL" DETECTIVES AND FRIENDS gather for a luncheon. This year the luncheon was held on Saturday March 28th.

Jim Glasgow is in charge of the event and mails out notices for the lunch with a current roster of the Detectives and Friends with their addresses and phone numbers. This list is marked with the previous year's attendees. This year and for the last few years the group meets at the "LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT" in Chatsworth at the corner of DeSoto and Nordhoff. We renew old friendships and reminisce about the working days in Van Nuys City Hall and what has been happening since the last

lunch. This year there were 27 attendees and 14 unable to attend.

The following were present this year: **Dale Ayers, Ken Brondell, Jerry Cohen, Jack Crowley, Clinton Erickson, Al Gasaldo, Bill Gilbert, Jim Glasgow, John Grant, Rod Grant, John Ide, Dean Knouse, John Lestelle, Dan Lestelle, Charles Long, John McElhinney, John Olsen, Bob Rice, Ralph Ries, Guy Schlotzhauer, Bruce Stoughton, Lyle Strand, Floyd Tanner, Jim Toomey, Tony Trotsky, Jim Wilding, and Clem Zumel.**

The attendees came from the following cities: **Bakersfield, Burbank, Chatsworth, Fallbrook, Granada Hills, Grass Valley, North Hills, Northridge, Prescott, AZ., Simi Valley, Sylmar, Tarzana, Thousand Oaks, Valencia, Van Nuys, Westlake Village, and Woodland Hills.** ❖

Dates to Remember

		Event Time/ Social	Meal
MAY			
May 10	Ron Waters	Golf 1200	Dinner 1800
May 17	Victor Elliott	1800	1930
May 17	Dennis P. Zine	1730	1830
May 13-19	National Police Week (see center for local, state and national schedules of ceremonies)		
May 11	LAPD Memorial Run Dockweiler Beach	0700	
May 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1100
May 18	LAPD Police/Celebrity Golf Tournament	1000	
May 24	Michael Heffernan	1300	
May 1-31	League Dental Open Enrollment		
JUNE			
June 2	SABLA "Spring Fling"	1100	
June 3,4,5	77th St. Alumni Reunion/Las Vegas		
June 7	Metro Reunion	1600	1700
June 14	Rick Faulkner		
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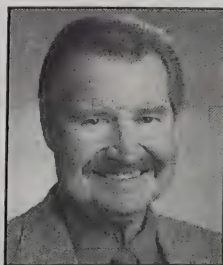
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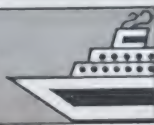
In July, Bill will be retired as many years as he worked. His service includes assignment to Assistant Chief of Police Reed in personnel where he served as a bodyguard for celebrity visitors to Los Angeles such as Babe Ruth and General Jimmy Doolittle and General George Patton with his pearl-handled revolvers.

Bill was promoted early to detective, spent the majority of his career in the Hollenbeck Detective Bureau and achieved the rank of Investigator III. He served in all sections including homicide and robbery. One high profile arrest was of gangster Mickey Cohen.

Bill, now 89 years young, and his wife Louise have seen all three of their children retire as well: daughter Janice Wirth from the county of Orange; son William, Jr. "Bud" from NASA; and son Ray Crawford soon to retire from LAPD Air Support Division. They also have six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Bill and Louise have enjoyed their retirement golfing and traveling with many friends in San Clemente, California.

Retirement Corner



Rank	Name	Serial No.	Last Assigned	No. of Years
D-II	Samuel J. Capuano	14974	Narcotics	33
P-III	Richard A. Goetjen	15566	South Traffic	32
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12 of L.A.'s finest for a total of 317 years of service.

SABLA: Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Ed Lewandowski

Greetings to one and all from the Sacramento Area Blue Line Association in Northern California. We haven't disbanded!! We're still afloat. Our regular scribe Bernie Remas, went south to Florida for the winter and unfortunately we didn't get anyone to take up writing our SABLA article for the Blue Line while he was gone. Bernie and his wife Judy left Sacramento around Thanksgiving and won't be back until late May. Bernie informed me that he and Judy would be touring Europe in April (which just passed) before he returns to the Sacramento area. He said something about having a meeting with the Pope in Rome. Now I'm no Jimmy Olson from the Daily Planet, but I will report to you on the latest happenings going on in the Sacramento area with our association.

First for the weather report. March came in like a lion with cold temperatures and snow falling in several areas of Sacramento, (especially in the foothills where I live- Placerville). After a brief stint of cold blustery weather, March ended with the temperature in the low to mid 80s. I know the "duffers" really enjoyed the warm air.

At our February meeting our President George Puddy welcomed 17 members in attendance. We viewed a one-hour videotape produced by Frontline titled "LAPD BLUES". The program centered on the Rafael Perez investigation by LAPD Internal Affairs and the L.A. County D.A.'s office. It was quite interesting and I recommend viewing it for all LAPD active officers and retirees.

In March, we had 14 members in attendance. We had Jacob Cohen as our guest speaker. Mr. Cohen is a member of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department - Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Chaplain Cohen was born in Israel and was a former resident of New York City. He and his wife moved to N. California and now live in the Sierra foothills. As it turned out Chaplain Cohen and his wife flew to NYC on September 10, 2001 arriving around 11:00 PM.

Cohen who grew up near the World Trade Center and gave us a report on his personal experiences as a youngster who often visited the twin towers many times and his experiences there after that fatal morning. Cohen said they were staying with relatives who lived a few miles from the WTC. His wife had a hair appointment on 9-11 at a salon near the WTC, where she goes to have hair done every time they visit NYC. He agreed to go with her to the salon, only if he could sleep-in until about 11 AM because of their late arrival on the 10th. Cohen reported that he was asleep when he heard a jet flying quite low over the residence where they were staying. A short time later his wife informed him that the WTC had been hit by a jet, which was

followed by the second aircraft. The rest is now history.

But as a Chaplain, he wanted to help. He said he headed down to "Ground Zero" and offered his services to both the police and fire crews. But unfortunately, he didn't have his law enforcement credentials with him. In the interim he assisted at churches in the neighborhood. After several days, he received his ID from California and was able to get into the devastated area and assist. Cohen commented on how he saw some of the strangest things like computer parts, body parts and elevator cables dangling in trees. He talked of how inspirational it was to see so many people came together from all parts of the country to help. He spoke of the heat at ground level, melting the fireman's boots and a test of the temperature 150' below ground was 2000 degrees. While Cohen went on with more, I just wanted to enlighten you with part of his story.

Many thanks go out to our brother fire and police personnel for their endless giving of themselves. But we should not forget the Chaplains, Rabbis, Priests and clergy. They "volunteer" their services to those in need, to help ease their pain and suffering by providing comfort to the victim's families. God bless you all.

Now on the lighter side of things. The 4th Annual SABLA "Spring Fling" is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2002 in Placerville (40 miles East of Sacramento off Highway 50). It's a private gated community called "Greenstone" and you're all welcome. The "Spring Fling" is our annual "All you can eat BBQ". We have it catered, so all you have to do is show up and eat. We serve **smoked St. Louis style pork ribs, lean slice beef and BBQ chicken** with fresh fruit salad, green salad and BBQ beans. Bread and butter with desserts are all provided.

The BBQ is under warm blue skies, with shade trees next to a small country lake with a light cool breeze. Bring your fishing pole (and license). It starts around 11 am and goes until about 4 pm. Serving starts at 2 pm. Snacks and light beverages (sodas & water) are also provided (you can BYOB). The total cost is **ONLY \$20** per person and don't forget...it's all you can eat!!! Some of you might want to go to Lake Tahoe for some added entertainment afterwards. It's only 70 miles from P'ville.

The deadline for the making "confirmed reservations" for the Spring Fling is **May 18th**. So come on out and enjoy the Sunday afternoon. Contact me (Ed Lewandowski) at 530/626-4248 or send checks (made out to SABLA), to Hoy Key at "SABLA" 5209 Dreamgarden Loop, Roseville, Ca. 95747. Also of note: we no longer have a P.O. Box. (PS...Art Van Court contact Hoy with your correct home address)

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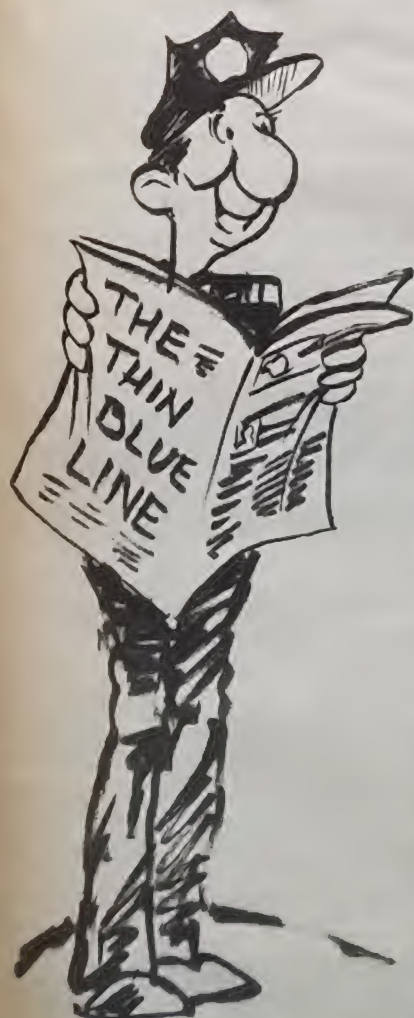
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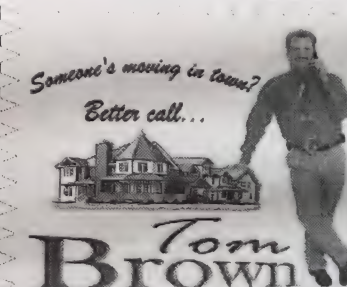
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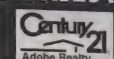
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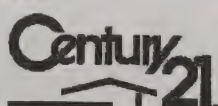
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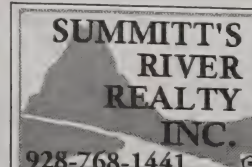
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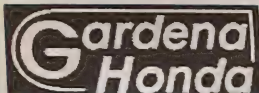
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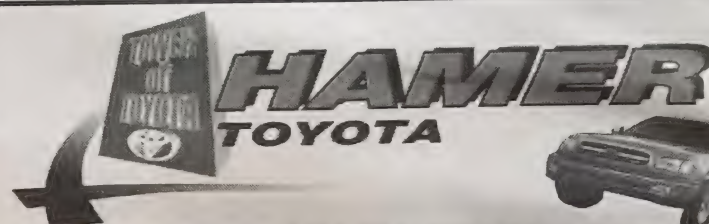
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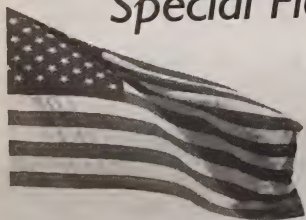
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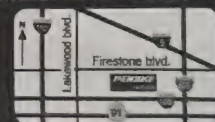
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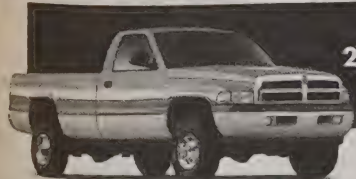
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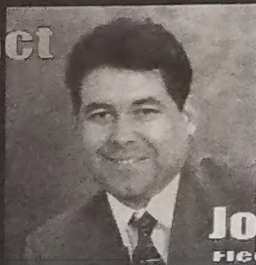
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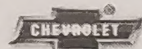
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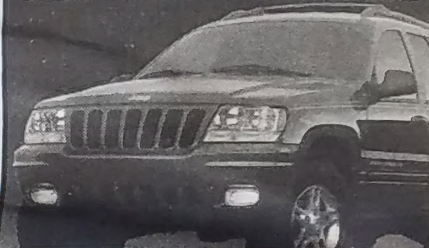


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